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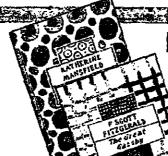
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# Lure of lottery's biggest jackpot attracts world's gamblers

By JOANNA BALE

THE record size of this week's National Lottery jackpot, estimated at £40 million, is attracting highrolling gamblers and huge private and commercial syndicates from all over the world.

One lottery expert said that dozens of people were flying into Britain with thousands of pounds to spend on tickets, although reports of an Australian syndicate buying up all 14 million possible number combinations were dis-

masterminded II Irish jackpot wins, said: There are people coming in from all over Europe and the United States."

Mr Klincewicz plans to buy a large number of tickets for his own private syndicates. His biggest win was a 10 per cent stake in a jackpot of £2.5 million in an Irish lottery. Commercial syndicates, which

charge for buying tickets, are against National Lottery regulations, but Mr Klincewicz says they

added: "Commercial syndicates do target the National Lottery and win some smaller prizes. If they did win a big prize, however, Carnelot would pick up on it. It would almost certainly end in court where Carnelot would have to prove the winning ticket was purchased in

excess of its face value." Commercial syndicates attract thousands of members through advertisements, but Mr Klincewicz said he doubted that one would spend £14 million buying all the possible number combinations this

week. He said: "It is not viable because there will be too many winners, five or six possibly, sharing the jackpot. It would also cost around £3.7 million for a commercial syndicate to pay hundreds of people to buy the tickets and look after the administration."

Camelot, which is expecting an increase in ticket sales of 15 to 20 per cent, also said that it would not pay out any prizes won by commer-cial syndicates because they contravene the lottery regulations. Another expert predicted, however, that a large commercial syndicate may be interested if there was another rollover next week which would push the jackpot up to E60 million or £70 million. Sam Weren, an independent lottery expert, said: "This week's estimated jackpot of E40 million is not worth the gamble of buying up all 13,983,816 possible combinations. This is because the jackpot is shared between an average of 5.4 winners each week, so, assuming a

similar number of winners, the too

prize would only be £10 million to

Ell million for an outlay of nearly £14 million.

Even if the syndicate were to share the jackpot with just two other winners, then it would only win £14,800,000, which includes £1.5 million of the lower division prizes. A commercial syndicate would have to pay people to buy the tickets and it is just not worth the gamble; but if no one wins this week and there is another rollover, the odds of making a huge profit

drastically improve. Mr Weren estimated that it

fulfil commitments to princi-

The opera house manage-

ment has rejected suggestions

that the companies should

stop performing during the

two-year closure period. "We

are looking at a variety of

performing activities," said Keith Cooper, director of cor-porate affairs. "We need to be flexible enough to go into the Albert Hall for a Wagner

concert, for example, and then

go elsewhere for a run of Nutcracker or Butterfly."

It is likely that regional

touring for the Royal Ballet

will be stepped up during the

closure. The Royal Opera, meanwhile, could find itself

staging a series of small-scale

works at various venues

across London, as well as

Despite the setback, the

opera house will close as

planned in the summer of 1997

to allow for its £200 million

redevelopment, £78.5 million

of which is coming from the

National Lottery. The future of

Tower Bridge Theatre now

looks in doubt as attempts to

find a second tenant for the

building have so far failed.

Work was to have started on

the theatre this month.

Albert Hall concerts.

would take 220 people working 12-hour shifts to buy 14 million tickets in a week. Each person would have to fill in nearly 13,000 coupons, each containing five entries. That is based on the average 15 seconds it takes to process a five-board cou-pon. They would have to feed all their coupons into one machine which would arouse suspicions from the retailer and Camelot. Each machine is monitored by computers at Camelot's head office and the company has the right to Continued on page 2, col 3

# Insurers face £500m water bill

By Andrew Pierce, Gillian Bowditch KATE ALDERSON AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

INSURERS are facing a £500 million bill for the water chaos that has shut down businesses and left tens of thousands of households cut off for days.

Hundreds of businesses across Scotland and the North East were told not to reopen after the Christmas break. because of the water shortage and many said they would have to lay off staff unless supplies were restored soon.

General Accident in Scotland opened its offices two days early this week to cope with insurance inquiries, and a leading loss adjuster esti-mated that the bill was a "conservative £500 million" and rising. Nicholas Bal-combe, chief executive of the Balcombe Group, said: "I have been taken aback by the sheer scale of the damage. I have been in wellington boots all week. It is a virtual disaster

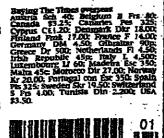
in some parts of Scotland." Insurers were optimistic, however, that the bill would not approach the billions paid out after the storms in 1987 and 1990 and that premiums should not rise.

Water companies were again heavily criticised yesterday and share prices fell at the prospect of huge compensa-tion claims while the rest of the Stock Market rose. Cus-tomers are entitled to at least £10 after they have been without water for 24 hours and the costs must be met

from profits. The National Consumer Council said the severed supplies posed a public health risk, while the GMB union blamed privatisation and the subsequent cuts in the work-force. Donald MacGregor, GMB Head of Staff, said: The water companies have left off so many staff this was a disaster waiting to happen."

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problems have occurred in Scotland and Northern Ireland where the water authorities are still in the public In Grampian, tens of thousands of homes were still cut

But the Water Services As-

sociation, which represents

the ten companies in Égaland

and Wales, said: "Many of the

off after six days and no school will start the new term or Monday because of extensive damage to water and heating systems. Water to all industrial estates in the region was cut off on Monday, and Lothian has asked also factories to stop production until supplies are back to normal. Bill Anderson, Scottish Sec-

retary of the Federation of Small Businesses, said the water crisis was a disastrous start to the new business year and could cost millions of pounds. Uniroyal Tyres at Newbridge, Edinburgh, said the ban would cost up to El50,000 a day.
Bill Gold of NEC, which

employs 1,200 staff at its the semi-conductor plant in Liv-ingston, said: "If we had not agreed to cut production, we would have shut down the water supply for the whole of

Livingston."
In the North East of England, 40,000 people were still being served by tankers, but the companies promised that their taps should be running again within 36 hours.

Ashington remained cut off for the third day running and is not expected to have its supplies restored until Friday. Special services have been set up for local hospitals, which have cancelled routine surgery, but the residents' misery was compounded by damaged pipes. There were also reports of taps being ripped off tanks, allowing water to drain

away. John Hargreaves, manag-ing director of Northumbrian Water, said: Trying to keep a service going has been like filling up a bucket full of holes."



# Madonna faces 'stalker'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MADONNA was called to of her guards. In anticipation testify in court yesterday against a man who forced his way onto her grounds and "made threats to slice her throat from ear to ear".

Chaotic scenes remuniscent of the O J Simpson trial awaited the pop singer's arrival at the Los Angeles criminal courts building for the trial of Robert Dewey Hoskins, 39. He is charged under a new Californian anti-stalking law aimed, not least, at protecting thousands of celebrities from

their obsessive fans. Mr Hoskins's fixation with Madonna - real name Veronica Ciccone - led him three times last year to her extensive walled estate in the Hollywood Hills, an outlandish place painted in horizontal stripes of terra cotta and orange on the crest of a ridge beneath the fabled "Holly-

wood" sign.
The third time, claiming to be her husband [she has never married), he was shot and wounded in a scuffle with one of her arrival, an eerie calm that has shrouded the courthouse since Mr Simpson's acquittal was rent again by the yelling of camera crews, reponers, T-shirt sellers and policemen trying to keep

Despite her reputation for craving publicity this was not an appearance Madonna wanted to make. Ever since



Hoskins: shot in scuffle

Mr Hoskins's arrest after the scuffle on her grounds last October, she has resisted giving evidence against him. She has claimed variously to be too busy, too vulnerable, too sick and too tired to come to court.

has not been impressed. Knowing Madonna is the star witness in the case, the judge threatened her with arrest for contempt of court and bail that would have been set at \$5 million if she failed to appear. The Material Girl, who may secretly be gratified by the interest in the case given her fading career as a pop star, was originally due in court on Monday. But her lawyer,

Judge Jacqueline Connor

Nicholas DeWitt, appeared without her to negotiate a postponement of one day and the banning of cameras from the court. Mr Hoskins, who faces a maximum of ten years in prison if convicted, has "never

een in Madonna's presence". his lawyer said. If so, that seems about to change.

# Covent Garden may have to go on the road

COVENT Garden's singers and dancers may find themselves moving from theatre to theatre next year. The Royal Opera House, home of the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet, has suffered a major setback in its plans to find a new home while Covent Garden is closed for a twoyear redevelopment.

The two companies had expected to move to the Tower Bridge Theatre, a purpose-built venue on the South Bank of the Thames, in September 1997. But the opera house management has been told that the new 2,300-seat theatre will not be ready in time, forcing them to search for alternative sites between 1997 and 1999, when Covent Garden is scheduled to reopen. These are believed to include the Royal Albert Hall and the Coliseum, home of

English National Opera. A statement issued yesterday said: "The Royal Opera House is therefore considering the feasibility of performing in a variety of venues, in London and on tour, if a viable base for the whole period cannot be found.

This would enable the Royal Opera House to secure the continuity of the Royal Ballet, the Orchestra of the Royal



Adams: had scored only four runs before

# **England** at mercy of bowler's batting

FROM SIMON WILDE

PAUL ADAMS, the 18-yearold spin bowler who is South Africa's youngest Test cricket-er, dealt England what may prove to be a decisive blow in Cape Town yesterday — with the bat.

Adams, who had previously scored only four first-clas runs from a total of 16 balls. reached a sprightly and unflustered 29 in a last-wicket stand of 73, the highest in the low-scoring fifth Test.

As a result, South Africa took a first-innings lead of 91 over England who finished at 17 for one, having lost the key wicket of Michael Atherton.

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# US keeps Jupiter's secrets

FROM MARYTN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

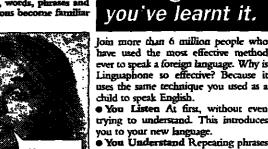
AFTER 18 years of prepara-tion and more than 2.3 billion miles of space travel, the Galileo space mission has finally sent a treasure trove of data about Jupiter's

However, Nasa, the US space agency, is being pre-vented from disclosing the mysteries of the planet by the government shutdown. Until The White House and Congress resolve the budget crisis. stage the news conference.

Last month a probe re-leased into the Jovian atmosphere sent back a mass of data before burning up. That is now processed and scientists are longing to share what they describe as "some very interesting surprises".

Republican split, page 11





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Scientists create the fuel of science fiction antiworld," said Dr Walter Oerlert of anti-periodic system," Dr Oerlert told the team of German, Italian and Swiss By NIGEL HAWKES scientists fired a stream of xenon the Institute of Physics at Hillich in New Scientist. SCIENCE EDITOR Antiparticles have been known for atoms across the antiproton beam West Germany, who was one of the team that used the Low Energy Antiyears. They have the same mass as SCIENTISTS in Geneva have created proton Ring (Lear) at the European normal particles but the opposite antimatter, the stuff that powers the

Laboratory for Particle Physics in electric charge so that when one meets the other they annihilate each other. Geneva to create a few fleeting atoms releasing a burst of energy. This has of anti-hydrogen. given rise to the idea that they might There are III ordinary elements listed in the Periodic Table, and now be used as a fuel or to build a there is one in its shadowy opposite tremendously powerful bomb. number. "This is the first step in the In a series of experiments at Lear.

which the machine produces. The collisions between the antiprotons and protons in the nuclei of the xenon atoms produced pairs of of electrons and positrons. In just a very few cases the antiprotons from the beam combined with the positrons to create antihydrogen, detected as it collided at huge speed with detectors.

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# Ulster paramilitaries name ten alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas

# Loyalists draw up murder hit-list

By Richard Ford and John Hicks

LOYALIST paramilitaries are threatening to start a murder campaign against alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas of Ulster after drawing up a hit-list of nine men and one woman. The ten people on the list drawn up by the Protestant Action Force are in fear of their lives and are moving from house to house regularly to avoid being killed.

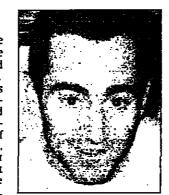
Yesterday's disclosure of a loyalist hit-list came amid ministerial alarm in London and Dublin at damage to the peace process caused by the spate of killings in Northern Ireland.

Two men in their twenties who are accused of being drug dealers on the list issued in Antrim by the PAF, a flag of convenience for the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, withdrew from a press conference in Belfast yesterday where they would have admitted being involved in petty crime. Nancy Gracey of Families

Against Intimidation and Terror said that the men decided against making a public appearance after the killing of Ian Lyons on New Year's Day. Mr Lyons, aged 31, was shot dead by Direct Action Against

Drugs, a cover name for the Provisional IRA, at Lurgan, Co Armagh, Three out of 14 men on a death list issued by Direct Action Against Drugs have been killed. A nightclub owner has also

announced that he is to abandon Saturday night raves in Armagh after having his life threatened by Direct Action Against Drugs. Donal Gorman said that his Arena club



Ian Lyons: shot dead on New Year's Day

will revert to a disco from this weekend after telephone threats to him and to a local radio station. demanding a shutdown

He said the RUC had told him the threats should be taken seriously: "In the light of

recently, I find the threats terrifying but my commitments are such that I can't just shut down the club."

Ms Gracey, a founder member of Families Against Intimidation and Terror, said that the Royal Ulster Constabulary had offered the nine men and one woman safe haven and warned them to keep their heads down. "Their reaction to being on this new list is total fear. They are moving from safe house to safe house to try to stop any attack.

This is a carbon copy of the IRA campaign and is very worrying. It is a time for people on both sides of the community to get out on the streets and protest against such lists," Ms Gracey said.

"At least if the Royal Ulster Constabulary deal with these matters people had a chance

in the courts. Even murderers have a trial and a solicitor to represent them and a judge to represent them and a judge to try them. These people just get a bullet in the back of the head, fired by cowards. The killings have little to do with the drugs problem. It's all about carving out territory, power and control in particular and control in particular and control of the problem.

lar areas, and settling old scores. It keeps the little footsoldiers happy. They have been itching to get back to war," she said. The killings have height-ened anxiety within the Province that the ceasefire is slowly

breaking down. They have also increased doubt about the prospect of the early start of all-party talks designed to produce an overall political settlement.

They have produced division in the ranks of the Ulster Unionist Party with John Taylor, the deputy leader, demanding an end to talks with Sinn Fein while the IRA continues to kill people and Ken Maginnis, a fellow Ulster Unionist MP, saying nothing should be done which would allow Gerry Adams to claim that the Government had brought the ceasefire to an

Mr Taylor spoke of the potential drift back to sectari-an violence. "We have Catholies being murdered almost on a weekly basis by the IRA and before long it will be Protes-tants." he said.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party has urged the Government to ignore the call to suspend contacts with Sinn Fein because of the murders and said that violence from any quarter should not be allowed to veto the peace dialogue.

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Keep ban

on gays,

say Army

chiefs

Army chiefs have strongly recommended keeping the

ban on homosexuality in the

Forces, insisting that the time for homosexual rights in the military "is not yet with us, and probably never will be".

Among the concerns is that the Services would be obliged

to provide married quarters

for homosexual partners.

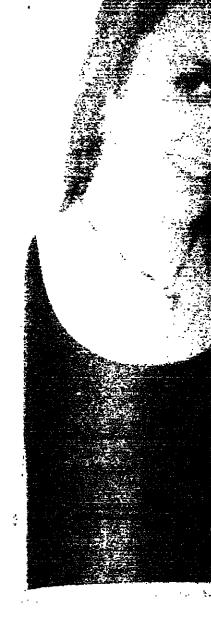
Such a move would have

"serious morale implications".

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Briton to his de

### whether to change the ban on homosexuals is expected early this year. The ban was called into question during a judicial MODE **Festival boss** goes for votes

The Glastonbury rock festival will not take place this summer. Instead, the organiser will be trying to persuade uffering local re to elect him as their Labour

The annual jamboree of mud, noise, music and shopping will be back in 1997, by which time the voters in the currently Tory seat of Wells will have delivered their verdict on Michael Eavis, a farmer. He said: "It has always been our practice to take a break every three or four years."

# School backs security policy

Security will not be stepped up at St George's school after the fatal stabbing of the head teacher Philip Lawrence, it was disclosed on the first day of term yesterday. Mr Lawrence died after confronting a gang outside the school in

west London in December. lan Hamerton, administration manager, said the school was already secure and the gates were locked whenever appropriate. He added: "It is my belief that the gang were not local and I don't think that they would return because they don't have the courage."

# Genes hasten

Genetically-altered which grow 10 times faster than normal are being created by scientists in Scotland, according to a report in New Scientist. The scientists are injecting 10,000 salmon eggs at a hatchery on Loch Fyne with genes from another fish to accelerate their growth, the magazine says. The Scottish fish-farming industry hopes the modified salmon will greatly increase profits. However, conservationists fear that if the fish escape, they could endanger wild salmon in the

# CORRECTIONS

☐ In Mr C.J.A. Cope's letter of December 19 the reference to delays in replacements for the amphibious assault ships Fearless and Intrepid should have been three years, and not three months as printed.

We regret that a photograph of Mr James Boucher was wrongly used to accompany an obituary (December 30) of Mr Jimmy Boucher, the

# **Gamblers**

Continued from page i turn off any machine. The average retailer sells 3,000 tickets a week, although big

stores sell many more. Although Camelot says that it will not knowingly pay out to a commercial syndicate and that it has the right to refuse to pay anyone without giving a reason, such a decision could be overturned in the courts,

Mr Weren said. He said: "Camelot might refuse to pay out, but a commercial syndicate could have a very good case: where do you draw the line between large office syndicates and commercial syndicates?

Camelot and the Heritage Department said yesterday that "only a lunatic" would waste time and money buying up all the possible number combinations. A department official said that the lottery had been designed with a limit of three rollovers so that the prize fund would never grow big enough to make a syndicate "sting" worthwhile.
Only Camelot can issue

lottery tickets and they must be filled in by hand, a further control. The Heritage official estimated that it would take 50.000 hours to fill in the possible combinations and noted that a syndicate would

have only a week to do it. Oflot, the National Lottery egulator, said that if a syncate overcame all the practical problems and covered every number, it would still have a less than 50 per cent chance of recovering its stake this week because it would have to share so much of the prize money

with other winners. It is not illegal for a syndicate to operate, but Camelot need not pay a prize on a ticket that it knows or suspects has been resold or otherwise transferred by way of trade.



The Spanish trawler Cova de Ballea was detained by the Irish navy on Tuesday for alleged log offences

# Spanish trawlers head for Irish Box

By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE first Spanish trawlers were due to and off the southwest of Britain from which they have previously been excluded. A 40-vessel Spanish flotilla has been entitled since January I, under last month's European agreement, to fish inside the Irish Box. 70.000 square miles of water from the west of Scotland to

south of Ireland. Two boats were on course to enter the Irish section of the fishing grounds by midnight, the Department of the Marine in Dublin said yesterday. In London the Ministry of Agriculture said it expected the first Spanish boats would arrive this

week in the British-monitored section of the box off southwest England.

Spain has submitted a list of 35 named boats authorised to fish in the Irish Box fisheries protection vessel Norna off the between January I and January 14, of which up to a maximum of 20 can fish at one time. "We are not sure why the Spanish have not yet taken up their full entitlement," a ministry spokesman said. "Presumably their list reflects the level of interest shown so far by Spanish skippers in access to these waters.

More than two thirds of the Irish Box is under the control of Ireland, which has seven naval vessels and two aircraft patrolling the area to enforce Spanish compliance with limits on the type and amount of fish that can be caught. The Ministry of Agriculture has a Royal

station off the southwest of England and the Scottish Office is deploying the west of Scotland.

If the rules are obeyed. Spain will not be allowed this year to have any more boats or to catch any more fish than it did in 1995 in waters to the west of Britain. despite gaining access to the Irish Box. ☐ Labour yesterday criticised the sale of Royal Navy auxiliary vessels to foreigners who convert them into fishing boats which can operate in British territorial waters because they are registered in this country. David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said two 273-ton vessels sold by the Navy last year were in Spain being fitted out as trawlers.

# Red tape 'is harming standards in schools'

By David Charter, education correspondent

THE GOVERNMENT must halve red tape in schools as part of a campaign to stop education standards declining, a former senior civil servant said yesterday. Sir Geoffrey Holland, who retired as permanent secretary

at the Department for Education in 1994, urged ministers to launch a crusade against bureaucracy to give teachers more time to concentrate on classroom work.

Sir Geoffrey, speaking at the North of England Education Conference in Gateshead. Tyne and Wear, outlined a 10year programme required to reverse Britain's slide down the league table of internation-

al compenitiveness.

He said: "In general, 13vear-olds in English schools
lag two years behind their continental cousins and never catch up later." Given simple sums to do, only 4 per cent of the least able 13-year-olds in

British schools got them right. In Germany, more than 75 per cent were able to give the correct answer. The consequences of a growing skills gap were reflected in Britain's drop from 14th to 18th place in world economic competitiveness rankings last year.

He also called for incompetent teachers to be sacked and threw his weight behind the abolition of A levels in favour of a unified qualification system embracing academic and vocational study, as planned by Labour.

Sir Geoffrey, now vice chancellor of Exeter University, said the Government would be "sad and seriously wrong" not to invest £1 billion in local projects to increase achievement levels by 30 per cent. His proposed ten-year programme includes cutting

wastage and helping to in-

crease the return on money spent on education by 30 per

changed so that students could take them at their own pace. rather than face major hurdles at 16 and 18, "hurdles at which so many fall or fail". Sir Geoffrey said the El billion should fund local projects by schools, colleges, universities and employers.

☐ Under plans being pre-pared by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. schools are to be given greater freedom to select pupils by interviewing them. The measures will be put

cent. Exams should be

forward later this month, along with extra powers for all schools to select more pupils by specialist ability in areas such as music, sport, drama and technology. The Times disclosed in November that Mrs Shephard would allow schools to increase the proportion of pupils admitted.

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# | Whitehall failing to detect fraud

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR civil servants were last night accused of "pathet-ic" financial monitoring of their departments after official figures showed that Whitehall detected just £2 million of internal fraud last

Even though the published figure is a record, critics believe the true level of fraud may be as high as £80 million. Government denartments are responsible for £500 billion of expenditure and receipts a

Three quarters of the fraud was reported by just four departments: Defence. Transport. Social Security and the Foreign Office. Of 58 central government bodies ques-tioned, more than half claimed to have experienced no fraud at all.

The Department of Health reported just £14,000 of fraud in all of its agencies, while the Board of Trade, one of the

Peter Temple-Morris, chair-

largest and most sprawling of government departments, reported only £99 of fraud. Wide discrepancies were found in the way departments

register fraud. Some departments report fraud to the Treasury only when the per-petrator is caught. Others have still failed to implement an anti-fraud strategy as demanded by the Treasury two years ago.

The published figure is "the tip of a very large iceberg", Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal

Democrat Treasury spokesman, said. "I just do not find the figures believable. Some denartments clearly need to shake up their controls." He called for an immediate inqui-

Further Parliamentary answers have disclosed that civil servants and contractors were caught making off with £2,124,700 in 1994-95. Only £372,000 has been recovered.

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### Tory Right decries Left's 'foolish' agenda denied planning a left-wing manifesto: "We are trying to renewed outbreak of in-fighting following Miss Nichol-

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

LEADERS of the Tory Right yesterday urged John Major to ignore the "foolish" agenda of Conservative leftwingers as he reacts to the defection of Emma Nicholson. In a heightening of tensions between the rival party factions, the Right called on the Prime Minister to rule out British membership of the single currency under any Tory government.

Writing in The Times today. Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the right-wing 93 Group, attacks the Tory wets for claiming as their own the "one nation" ideal which he says is shared by most in the party. He adds that the agenda of the wets is for taxation at a level that would sustain the

"full panoply" of the weifare state, a liberal penal policy which they hope will reform criminals, as open door a policy on immigrants as possible and ever closer moves to full European union. For Mr Major to respond to

the detections by making concessions in those directions would be the most foolish possible reaction because it is not what the people want, he says. The Prime Minister should say what the majority of the people yearn to hear him say on a single currency

- that he cannot conceive of a Tory government ever surrendering political sovereignty in Sir George's intervention



over one nation ideal came as the Tory Left risked

further turmoil by confirming plans to publish its own policy agenda next month, senior

by-election. said it was bringing forward detailed policy plans. But Mr Waldegrave, insisting that the Conservative Party was a

broad church, said on BBC radio: "I do not think it is very sensible of people, in what might conceivably be an elec-

people in their own party.

son's departure, and Labour be more vigorous in producchallenged the Tories to call ing one nation views within the Staffordshire South East the Conservative Party. We don't want to give the impres-William Waldegrave, the sion of sitting on top of the opposite hill flying the Jolly Treasury Chief Secretary, called for unity after it was confirmed that the centre-left MacLeod group of Tory MPs, which claims 50 members,

But the centre-left renewed its attack on Michael Portillo for his criticisms of Miss Nicholson. They said he risked turning "a crack in the party into a crevasse". Mr Portillo, on a visit to the Philippines yesterday, said that Mr Major would not be swayed "by the disloyal actions of a few who choose to tion year, to be challenging cut and run to other parties".

Resign call, page 9 man of the MacLeod group. Sir George Gardiner, page 16 January 1). Teenager recovers from coma after taking tablet and drinking too much water



Doctors feared that Helen Cousins would die after she drank at least seven litres

# Drug agencies change advice to Ecstasy users

By JEREMY LAURANCE AND STEPHEN FARRELL

DRUG agencies are altering their advice to Ecstasy users to alert them to the danger of drinking too much water.

Yesterday a teenager who had taken the same combination of Ecstasy and huge utities of water that killed Leah Bents on her 18th birthday awoke from a 24-hour coma. Helen Cousins, 19, a sales assistant for a financing company, was recovering in Peterborough District Hospital, Cambridgeshire, after taking the drug at a New Year's

Eve party.

After the death of Miss Betts last November, the Health Department warned drug agencies to emphasise to drug users that water is not an antidote to Ecstasy but to the dehydration caused by prolonged dancing in a hot

The Health Education Authority, which launched its drugs campaign the week after Miss Betts died, has reprinted the leaflet it issued to teenagers to include the new warning. It says young people who use Ecstasy should drink plenty of water to replace fluid ost through sweating but should also eat salty snacks and drink fruit juice or fizzy drinks to maintain the essential mineral balance in the

Ecstasy can cause compulsive repetitive behaviour and users have been known to drink up to 20 litres of fluid or smoke 100 cigarettes in a matter of hours. The drug also triggers the release of a hormone that slows down the action of the kidneys, preventing the body eliminating the excess fluid and leading to "water intoxication".

This happens when a per-son drinks so much water that the blood becomes diluted and water is sucked into the brain under osmotic pressure, causing it to swell. Beer drinkers who consume ten or more pints in an evening do not encounter the problem because alcohol acts as a diuretic, speeding up the action of the kidneys rather than slow-

ing it down.
Friends saw Miss Cousins, from Werrington, a district of Peterborough, looking unwell at a nightclub shortly before midnight. They took her to a flat then to hospital where she collapsed unconscious after telling ambulancemen she had taken Ecstasy. Doctors feared for her life after finding seven litres of water in her stomach.

Her mother Janet, 51, said she was shocked to hear that her daughter had taken Ecstasy, and friends said it was the first time she had taken the drug. "Helen is our only child and we are totally devastated by what has happened. She is a pretty girl, bright and bubbly who has many friends



Janet Cousins: daughter given anti-drug advice

hoping she will pull through this terrible tragedy," she said.
"One of Helen's friends said our daughter is the most special person she knows. Supply of this dreadful drug has to be stopped."

Her voice breaking, she appealed to her daughter's friends to tell police who supplied the drug. Our daughter is lying in hospital in intensive care after taking just one Ecstasy tablet - this could be your daughter, your son, your sister, your brother. We never thought it could happen to us but it has and now we have to deal with it. Please, if you are tempted to take drugs think about it, don't take the

Mrs Cousins told police she had talked to her daughter about drugs and brought home advice leaflets. "I just don't think any parent can

and how safe you think your daughter is, they are not." The parents of Leah Betts

sent a message of sympathy and support to Mr and Mrs Cousins. Leah's father Paul, a retired policeman, said: "It makes me wonder if we are getting through at all." Video footage from the nightclub is being examined by detectives to establish if the

drug was supplied inside. Partygoers were searched for drugs and the club recently brought in a members-only rule, so police know who was in the club at the time. Doctors treated Miss Cous-

ins by stimulating the water flow through her kidneys slowly to correct the sodium level. However, the risk to Ecstasy takers comes in using the drug, not in trying to combat its effects.

Dr Michael Dronfield, consultant physician at Peterborough District Hospital, said: "Our body isn't meant to dance all night. The Ecstasy prevents you feeling fatigued when you should be taking a rest. It is almost certainly nonsense that these drugs are contaminated. People put that around to make it sound like Ecstasy is safe, but basically Ecstasy is intrinsically

Doctors expect Miss Cousins to make a full recovery without any permanent dam-



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# **Boy dies** 10 days after dog attack

chief

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By Adam Fresco

A BOY aged II mauled by two rottweilers after he climbed into a neighbour's yard died yesterday. Doctors had been treating David Keamey's injuries for ten days.

His parents had stayed at his beside over Christmas as they prayed for him to pull through, but on Monday he tack. He developed a blood clot and his kidneys failed. It was then that his parents allowed doctors to switch off his life-support machine.

His father was at his bed-side as he died. Kevin Kearney said: "His little body had got to the stage where it couldn't take any more." The attack happened on the night before Christmas Eve.

The boy climbed into a yard near his home in Darwen. Lancashire, to fetch a football. He was mauled for 15 When he was taken to the

Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester, for emergen cy surgery, his left leg had to be amputated just above the Kevin Turner, owner of the

dogs, had them destroyed after the attack. Police said no action was expected to be taken against Mr Turner, but that a file would be submitted to the Crown Prosecution

The boy's uncle, Robert Kearney, 48, said: "His mother, Margaret, said her good-byes and just wanted to remember him as he was. Her heart is broken, but she's just trying to get on with things."

PEOPLE prone to gluttomy

may be underproducing a key brain chemical, scien-

searchers have discovered a natural compound made by

the body after a filling meal

which they suspect plays a key role in controlling

appetite.
Tests have found that

blocking the action of the

substance, which is called

glucagon-like peptide 1 or

ĞLP-Ĭ, causes rais to carry

on eating even when they should be full, doubling the

amounts they eat. The scien-

tists, whose findings are

published in the British jour-

nal Nature, believe the role

of the peptide in the human

body is identical to damping

down appetite after a meal.

duce enough might be prone to overeating and obesity.

Professor Stephen Bloom of

Someone who fails to pro-

# Briton plunges to his death over Victoria Falls

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRITISH tourist has plunged 100 metres to his death over Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe Jonathan Rodwell, 30, lost his footing during a guided tour across a shallow tributary of the Zambezi and fell into fast-flowing water which carried him away be-

fore a friend could help him. He was said to have slipped while using stepping stones to return from a viewing platform to the nearby Ilala Lodge Hotel on Boxing Day. Mr Rodwell, a single man from York, was carried swiftly over the edge and plunged into the Boiling Pot at the foot of the Falls. The Foreign Office said his body was recovered with some difficulty three days later by the Zambian authorities and taken back across the

border to Zimbabwe. Speaking from the hotel yesterday, his friend and travelling companion Andy Carruthers denied reports that Mr Rodwell had fallen from a footbridge after being hit by a



Jonathan Rodwell: slipped and fell

Missing ingredient may

control gluttons' appetite

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

the Hammersmith Hospital

in west London said the

discovery may prove impor-

treatments for a range of eating disorders. We still have to test this in humans.

But I would not be surprised

if the pharmaceutical industry are going hell for leather

to make mimics of GLP-1."

Fat people might soon be

able to take synthetic ver-

sions of the substance, a

protein hormone, after din-

ner to stop them seeking

extra helpings or raiding the

fridge. The findings have

been made by a team at the

Royal Postgraduate Medical

School based at the hospital

and Cambridge University.

Previous research has

identified two substances.

produced in the brain linked.

with hunger and feeding.

Neuropeptide Y appears to

Professor Bloom said.

tists said yesterday. Re- tant for helping to improve

rush of water. He said: "Hundreds of people use the stepping stones but Jonathan missed his footing and fell into

fast-flowing water. It was a

freak accident. "We were returning from the viewing platform and crossing the river. You have to bound across these streams." Mr Carrothers was 30ft behind his friend and rushed forward when he saw him slip but was unable to reach him in time as the water carried

him to the edge of the Falls. The dead man's father John Rodwell, 61, said at the family home at Poppleton, North Yorkshire, that he was waiting for the body to be released. It will be flown home with the assistance of the British High Commission in Harare and an inquest will be held in York.

Mr Rodwell said: "We are dealing with affairs as best we can. It has come as a terrible shock and we are only just getting used to it. Andy telenhoned us on Boxing Day. He was very distressed."

His son, a physics graduate from Birmingham University, worked as a chartered patents agent with GEC Marconi at Chelmsford, Essex. He left Britain on December 17 for a month's tour of southern Africa. Mr Carruthers, who met the dead man at university, is remaining in Zimbabwe until his friend's body has been Victoria Falls is L7km wide

and drops 107 metres into the Zambezi Gorge with an average 550,000 cubic metres of

stimulate feeding whereas

leptin, made by the body's

white fat cells, appear to

The new appetite suppressant is found in the brain

and intestine at the end of

the meal. Professor Bloom

said it was likely that the

body made it in response to

an extension of the intestine

or rising blood sugar levels

due to food. "It not only stops

the eating but is also in-

help digest food," he said.

volved in release of insulin to

The researchers are now

trying to unravel the precise

relationships between the

various substances involved

in appetite and stopping

But they believe GLP-1

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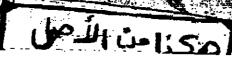
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# Hi-tech thieves raid BA offices

By Harvey Elliott AIR CORRESPONDENT

THIEVES have stolen the memory chips from nine personal computers in British Airways' London

The robbery, which was discovered on Boxing Day by a security guard on a routine tour of the Berkeley Square offices, is thought to have been carried out on Christmas Day. Computers throughout the uffices, including those of the chairman and chief executive, were broken into.

It soon became apparent that no sensitive information had been taken and that the thieves were targeting the hardware, which has a high resale value. BA immediately replaced the chips at a cost of £200 each.

"It would appear we have become the latest victim of computer chip crime," a BA spokeswoman said last night. "Fortunately no information was taken and we were able to replace the chips quickly."

British Airways, which is the 13th biggest user of computers in Britain, was one of a group of companies that joined a number of police forces to create an action group aimed at finding ways of curbing computer crime and protecting high value chips.

☐ Computer chips valued

at more than £30,000 were stolen during a raid on the headquarters of Berkshire County Council in Shire Hall, Reading, discovered yesterday. The thicves forced open a rear window on Tuesday night.

Chief constable says police need pepper sprays after sledgehammer assault

# Burglars fracture WPC's skull as she defends colleague

A CHIEF constable called for his officers to be armed with pepper or CS sprays yester-

left a young policewoman with a fractured skull. WPC Vanessa Greening. 22, and a colleague, PC Jon Jackson. 30. were beaten with an iron bar and a sledgehammer early yesterday when they tackled six burglars in the King's Heath area of Birmingham.

PC Jackson was also attacked with a knife, prompting the Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Sir Ronald Hadfield, to call for better protection for police. He said he feared that one of his officers would be killed, despite an amnesty to encourage knives to be surrendered.

PC Jackson, a married man who has four years' service, was attacked when he confronted the gang and left lying helpless on the ground. WPC Greening, an officer for two years, went to his help and was beaten outside the house on the Brandswood estate. She managed to radio for help and the police control room listened as the attack continued.

PC Jackson, who needed six stitches in an arm wound, was discharged from hospital yesterday. He watched as the gang rounded on his partner.

"I have spoken to Vanessa briefly and the injuries she has sustained are diabolical. It was just shock and horror when I saw what was going on. I couldn't believe it.

"I am still very shaken and a little bit stiff. I have been

involved in a similar incident before but, at the end of the day, this was the result of being a working police officer.

a job I enjoy."

WPC Greening, who is single, was too badly injured to talk from her bed at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, where her condition was said to be comfortable. Her father, also a police officer, said he was shocked by the injuries suffered by his daughter.

Inspector John Greening. 43. said: "She is as well as can be expected and her head is very painful. This was an unprovoked attack and it just shows what young officers have to go through every day "I have had 20 years in the

now is that there are more and more of these incidents taking The chief constable said:

service and what I am seeing

'My officers are protected by a



PC Jackson: needed six

baton and that's it. The next step is firearms. I think one of the answers in the slow and almost unending march to arming police officers is to give them incapacitants. I would personally prefer to see the use of pepper spray, which I know has worked well in the United States, rather than CS

gas."
He said there was an urgent need for action. "My fear is that it will take the death of an officer before a decision is reached. There could easily have been a murder inquiry going on today. We ask a tremendous amount of our officers to put them out on the streets unarmed where, apart from their strength and bravery, they have very little to protect them."

He said other chief constables supported his view but political and medical opinion was delaying action. Police were last night questioning a number of men about the

ered by the Home Office and widely supported by police but abandoned after fears that their use could lead to serious injury or death. Instead the Home Office decided to test CS sprays. These have also run into difficulties after a London police inspector received serious eye injuries after taking part in a course before their issue. The sprays could finally be issued for testing on the beat later this year after work to modify the



WPC Vanessa Greening, recovering in hospital after the gang of six attacked her

# Woman stabs four in knife rampage

FOUR people suffered serious stab wounds yesterday when a woman went on the rampage at a jobcentre with knives and screwdrivers.
Police officers dragged the

woman screaming from the scene at Bexleyheath, southeast London, as bystanders rushed to help one of the injured, a man with a carving knife embedded up to the hilt in his head. Simon Bridge. 24. an electrician from Welling. London, was at the jobcentre in search of work. Police said later that the blade had bounced off his skull and lodged in his scalp.

Two women, also with stab wounds to the head, and a iobcentre employee with deep cuts to his arm and chest were admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup. The man was recovering last night after surgery. Scotland Yard would not comment on a report that the woman had visited the jobcentre on Tuesday and was angry that her Giro payment was not ready the following

Acting Sergeant Ian Wheeler, one of the first on the scene, said: "The woman had at least two knives and two screwdrivers and I understand there may be more. There was lots of blood." He said the man wounded in the head was "conscious and talking" when police arrived. He added: "The knife was sticking out at an angle. The man was calm but then he hadn't seen himself." There had been about 30 people in the

iobcentre. Martin Richardson, 27, a woman put in a van and she had a smile on her face." A 27-year-old woman was in police custody last night.

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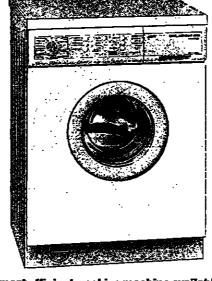


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# Psychological society

# Wives suffer more after redundancy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE wives of company executives who lose their jobs suffer greater depression than their redundant husbands, according to a study. The era of the Dumpie (downwardly mobile professional) is leaving a trail of domestic unhappiness in its wake as wives provide succour for their discarded husbands but find no one to turn to

themselves. Senior managers offered counselling to find another job were protected from feeling depressed. But their partners felt more strain, especially if they had a job, but were not offered help.

Anya Johnson, senior lecturer in psychology at Chester College, interviewed 32 executives made redundant from their jobs who were on socalled outplacement counselling programmes. The men. including former chief executives, financial controllers and accountants who used to earn an average of £53,000 a year. attended the offices of an outplacement company every day in their search for a new job which helped to give them

a daily routine. The men were aged 45 on average and had been employed by their previous org-anisation for 13 years. Their female partners were 43 and 60 per cent were employed outside the family home.

None of the families faced immediate financial difficulties or was having to change their lifestyle to survive as a result of the redundancy. But the wives coped less well than their husbands.

Presenting her results to the British Psychological Society's annual occupational psychology conference in Eastbourne yesterday, Ms Johnson said: The women felt isolated and needed some informal support to turn to for help. Some I interviewed were experiencing borderline depression and a high level of anxiety." She called on the Government to recognise that the families of people made redundant needed help.

All the interviewed executives, who were given pay-offs of up to £95,000, said they turned to their wives for emotional support, whereas 12 per cent of the women said they turned to their husbands.

'Families tend to be isolated from each other during unemployment and outplacement consultancies could do much to reduce the strain by providing support through individ-ual counselling and forums for partners to meet and share their experiences," she said.

# Firms must avoid culture of blame

BY OUR HEALTH CORRESPONDENT COMPANIES hoping to suc-

ceed must tolerate mistakes

by senior managers or risk stifling innovation and producing a "blame culture", psychologists said yesterday. Fear of making mistakes discourages experimentation and leads to unimaginative thinking. If managers are encouraged to think creative-ly and find different ways of doing things they are bound

to make mistakes, the psychologists from Oxford said. A study of mistakes made by 230 senior figures in business and politics shows they are an essential part of learning. The results provide support for the views of Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, who said he would not employ a senior manager unless

mistakes. The commonest mistakes identified by the team, from the occupational psychology firm Pearn Kandola who

he had made some big



who make mistakes

resented their findings to the British Psychological Society yesterday, involved handling

Tim Payne, a researcher,

said: "If people are going to innovate, mistakes are un-avoidable. If management come down like a ton of bricks it can have a devastating effect on people. They should say 'let's sit down and see what we can learn from

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# Geographers' conference

# **Academics** prepare to ditch Shell as sponsor

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

their professional body to dump the Shell oil company as a patron because of its environmental record in Nigeria. On Friday, the geographers will debate a motion at their annual conference that calls upon the Royal Geographical Society, which recently merged with the Institute of British Geographers, to end Shell's role as a corporate

Shell International is understood to have contributed about £40,000 in sponsorship and is one of only four main sponsors of the merged body. The resolution, which is likely to win the support of many proposed by Dr David Gilbert of Royal Holloway College, London. He says that geographers have followed events in Nigeria, including the execution of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, with "alarm, horror and anger".

The execution of Saro-Wiwa and other activists followed campaigns they led against environmental damage to the Ogoni region of the Niger delta. Shell has been especially culpable. Dr Gilbert says, being guilty of indiscriminate flaring of gas, building highpressure pipelines across valu-



Saro-Wiwa: killed by

GEOGRAPHERS are urging able land, and land and water pollution from leaking

> He adds that Shell has close ties to the "murderous" Nigerian Government and it is unethical for the geographers' body to gain from the profits of the "exploitation, repression and suffering" associated with Shell's activities in Nigeria.

The geographers' council aware that the issue would be debated at this week's conference at the University of Strathclyde, has already taken steps. Dr Tim Unwin, also of Royal Holloway College and the secretary of the society's research and higher education committee, said that it had started a review of corporate sponsorship, chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell, a vice-president, and would hold a symposium later this year to debate the environmental impact of international companies in the Third World.

"Shell is very keen and willing to contribute to the Dr Unwin said yes terday. "The danger of this motion is that we risk making decisions before considering all the issues."

Among academics, Shell is unlikely to win the day but there may be more sympathy among the rest of the 13,000 members for the difficulties it faces. Some academics are uneasy about the debate, because it may open a rift between them and the rest of the membership, only recently repaired after 60 years of separation. The institute was formed as a breakaway from the Royal Geographical Societv in 1933 and the two bodies have a history of different

Representatives of the society were anxious to make clear that the council was not endorsing or criticising Shell, but merely wanted the matter discussed openly.

# Recycling paper 'causes more harm than good'

By OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

PEOPLE who believe that are doing the earth a favour by recycling paper could be deluding themselves, the annual conference of British geographers was told vesterday.

Dr Lyndhurst Collins of Edinburgh University said that the arguments that had persuaded people of the virtues of recycling paper and packaging had not been based on sound scientific evidence. Paper waste would often be better burnt as fuel than recycled, he said.

Some countries, including the United States and Germany. have imposed tough rules on recycling which had brought absurd results, he said. Because American rules insist that 40 per cent of new paper must consist of recycled material, Canadian manufacturers have to import waste paper from the United States and incorporate it into new paper

to meet standards. Dr Collins said Sweden faced the same problem. To export paper to Germany. Sweden had to import waste paper to make new and transport costs alone made addition, the effect was to discourage the planting of new trees, which were needed to soak up carbon dioxide, the gas that causes global warming. "Paper is a renewable resource which we can plant and harvest and which does the atmosphere a lot of good," he said. "Recycling may create jobs, but they are urban jobs, created at the cost of rural forestry jobs which are needed even more.

"Environmentalists have done a superb job in pinning the pulp and paper industry to the wall. That's why huge recycling plants have been built. The largest in the world, capable of handling 400,000 tons of waste paper a year, is being built at Aylesford in Kent. This will take paper from a 150-mile radius. Is this

really a sensible policy?" Dr Collins says he is not totally opposed to recycling. but says the right balance needs to be struck. "People have been led to believe that recycling paper is the right thing to do and there are even school programmes in the US to teach recycling but increasingly the philosophy is open

# Scientist dismisses ice-sheet theory

By NIGEL HAWKES

FEARS that global warming could melt the East Antarctic Ice Sheet are based on a misunderstanding, the conference was told.

Professor David Sugden said that the fear had arisen because the remains of microscopic marine plants normally found only in the sea had been identified in rocks in the mountains of Antarctica. Some scientists had argued that these tiny plants, dated to the Pliocene period three million years ago, must have grown in open seaways in the interior of the continent when Antarctica was free of ice and been lifted upward when ice er shifts in climate.

known to have been several degrees warmer than the

The conclusion had been drawn that just a few degrees of global warming would be enough to melt the ice sheet. In fact. Professor Sugden said. the plants - known as diatoms - can be carried by winds and have accumulated in Antarctica for millions of years. There was no need to assume any melting of the ice sheet to account for their presence. The evidence was that the ice sheet was stable and had survived much great-



Olivier as Richard III: he was an energetic letter writer

# Olivier papers reveal a compulsive hoarder

LAURENCE OLIVIER could not bear to throw anything away, according to the former theatre critic who has been appointed to write the first

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official biography.

Derek Granger, who became a close friend of Lord Olivier in the 1950s and who has been granted access to his papers, said the actor was a compulsive hoarder. "Olivier was a man who kept everything — old driving licences, prescriptions for ailing kittens, seed catalogues, recipes for his Othello's all-over body make-up, the pedigrees of his dairy herd at Notley Abbey."

Mr Granger is ploughing through mountains of paperwork for the book, which will be published in autumn next year with the support of the Olivier estate and the actor's widow, Joan Plowright. He is also receiving help from the family of his second wife, Vivien Leigh.
Unpublished letters from

theatrical contemporaries such as Ralph Richardson, Noël Coward and Alec Guinness, are contained in the extensive archive. There is also private correspondence from Diana Cooper, Somerset Maugham and Ms Leigh who, in a rare moment of domesticity, leaves a note for Olivier before he leaves his London home for the country: "Darling, don't forget the potted plant and the summer nudding in the larder."

Mr Granger was a theatre critic on a Brighton news-

■ Thanks to Lord Olivier, who could throw nothing away, his official biographer has unearthed a mountain of archive material

paper in the 1950s until Olivier recommended him as the first theatre critic of the Financial Times. He is still unearthing documents.

"Recent finds have been in

the loft of a Sussex cottage and in a bramble grown mouse-infested farmyard barn. They include the touch-ing last letters written to him by his mother before she died when Olivier was 12, and a batch of censored wartime letters from Vivien Leigh when she was entertaining the Eighth Army during an Ensa tour in North Africa." During the tour, she wrote of the excitement of sleeping in a bed once occupied by a Ger-

man general. Olivier was an intimate and prodigiously energetic letter writer. "Letters to actors, playwrights, directors, family and friends run like a tireless commentary on his own existence. He wrote with admiration to Joan [Plowright], telling her how marvellous he thought she was in Major Barbara, and then went on to give her several tips as to how to improve the performance." In a letter to Noël Coward

in Jamaica, Olivier writes that Dame Edith Evans refused to learn her lines in a London production of his play, Hay Fever. "Noël was a great

disciplinarian who liked every actor to be word perfect in earsals," Granger said 'And he received a horrifying letter from Olivier just before setting off for London which says: I have failed to impress on Dame Edith Evans that she has to learn her lines."

In another handwritten note to the playwright Christopher Fry. Olivier suggests that Rex Harrison is struggling to master a part in one of his plays, and he implores Fry to make changes to accommodate the actor. "I do wish sometimes that you had been an actor to understand what they sometimes face."

Mr Granger says the ar-chive confirms that Olivier's relentless work schedule severely affected his health. 'In one letter, I think to Anthony Quayle, he says that he has given up every single pleasure including drinking for a season at the National." He added: "In another to a playwright who was late in sending a script, he included a typewriter ribbon to speed

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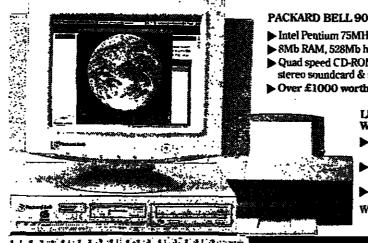
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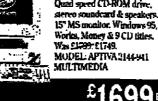
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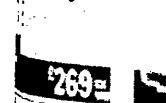
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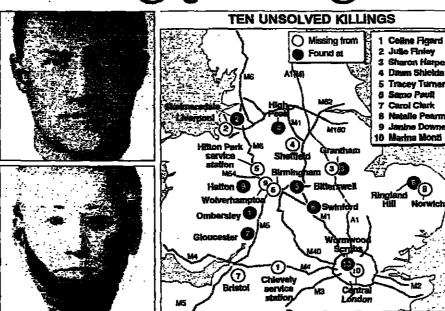
DUCE AND STEWART TENDLER

MARKED similarities between police pictures of the suspected killer of Celine Figard and the murderer of a Liverpool woman were being studied by detectives yesterday amid fears that a serial killer is stalking young women

As West Mercia police confirmed they are looking at any links with the murder of Julie Finley two years ago, the inquest into Mile Figard's death was briefly opened and adjourned yesterday. Police also continued searching through hundreds of records of lorry drivers for traces of the man who offered her a lift nine days before her body was found on December 29.

Miss Finley, 23, a prostitute, was found strangled in a field near Skeimersdale, Lancashire, in August 1994. Her murder is one of nine killings dating from 1987 that police have examined for links after fears were raised that a serial killer might be at work. So far none has been found.

West Mercia police have already said they will be looking closely at another of the nine: Tracey Turner, who was killed in March 1994. She was at a service station before



Wanted: photofits of the suspected murderers of Julie Finley and Celine Figard

she vanished, as was Mile

Figard, 19. The photofits of the men wanted in connection with the two murders show similarities in the shape of their features. The information released by police about Mile Figard's killer describes a white man aged 35-40 with short cropped fair hair and a close-cropped beard. The man wanted for

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The nine cases were identi-

fied by police in 1994 after

chief constables asked the

National Criminal Intelli-

gence Service to see if there

were any links between a

series of murders of prostitutes in the Midlands. The

Detective Sergeant Ian Clarke, a member of the Finley murder team. said: "We are taking the prospect that we may have a serial killer very seriously. We have young females who have been in contact with lorry parks and

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When researchers and analysts began to look for similarities they came up with a cluster of nine. Each of the women was strangled. They were all left naked or partly clothed and their bodies were dumped with little or no attempt at concealment. Many were left close to a motorway network. Each of these features also applies in Mile Figard's murder. Two of the nine were found near lay-bys and others left in ditches, two on waste ground and two in open country.

Because eight were prostitutes, it was impossible to say whether they had been sexually assaulted. So far police have failed to find a "signature" indicating that one man committed all the murders. Yesterday all the forces involved denied there was any evidence of links. However. some detectives privately accept there could be links.

in the past few weeks police have also begun investigating the death of Daniella White. whose body was found on rail tracks at Blisworth, Northamptonshire, on December 12. Miss White, 28, was known to have worked as a prostitute.







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☐ Sharon Harper: 21, whose body was found in July 1994 on waste ground close to the public house in Grantham. Lincolnshire, where worked as barmaid.

□ Dawn Shields: 19, was last seen alive in May 1994 in the red-light district of Sheffield getting into a dark hatchback. Her body was found in the High Peak district of Derbyshire.

☐ Tracey Turner: 33, was found on a grass verge in Bitteswell, Leicestershire, on March 3, 1994, seven hours after she was last seen at the Hilton Park service station on the MI. She was known to the police as a prostitute who frequented service stations. □ Samo Pauli: 20, a

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docks in Sharpness, Glouces-

just outside Norwich, where she was a known drug addict and prostitute. ☐ Janine Downes: went

missing from Wolverhampton in February 1991. Her body was found in a lay-by on the A464 between Telford and Wolverhampton.

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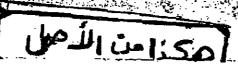
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# Inspector finds fresh chickens unfit to eat

By ROBIN YOUNG

CHICKENS sold as top quality in leading supermarkets are often unfit to eat and liable to cause food poisoning. the Consumers' Association says.

Researchers for the association's Which? magazine bought 26 samples of Class A fresh chickens and chicken portions from seven supermarkets in London. Nine were condemned as unfit for sale by a former poultry inspector.

Several birds had been so poorly gutted that testicles, intestines, windpipes and in one case a rectum had been left inside.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said the company was discussing the findings with its suppliers "to ensure our high standards are achieved".

Asda said: "There is amazingly little comment from the public about fresh chickens, so we believe most people must be generally very sat-isfied."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said that chickens as described in the Which? report would pose no threat to public health provided they were han-dled and stored hygienically and cooked properly.

# Woman recovers after five years in vegetative state

A YOUNG woman who suffered severe brain damage in a car accident five years ago, and was left in a persistent vegetative state, has recovered and been discharged from

The case of the 18-year-old American, who showed no responses for more than a year after the accident, could reopen the debate about patients in persistent vegetative state who have been allowed

In Britain, the courts decided that feeding could be withdrawn from Tony Bland, a victim of the 1989 Hillsborough football stadium disaster, who was in a vegetative state for four years. Similar cases since then have included that of a 27-year-old Welshman who suffered brain damage after a dental anaesthetic in 1991 and was allowed

to die last year. Doctors argue that the condition of patients who show no awareness of their surroundings and no response to commands for a year can be regarded as irreversible. The American Academy of Neurology says a vegetative state can be considered permanent if it lasts for 12 months or more.

The first, tiny responses from the 18-year-old, whose

case is reported in today's rvew England Journal of Medicine, were noted by staff 15 months after she was admitted to hospital in Austin. Texas. She was treated with drugs and within weeks was answering questions with eye blinks. She wrote "Mom, I

love you." Three years after the accident she was communicating, using eye blinks for "yes" or "no", and after five years was mouthing words and phrases. She was allowed to go home after five years and three

The term persistent vegetative state was coined more than 20 years ago by Professor



Bryan Jennett of the Institute of Neurological Sciences in Glasgow to describe patients who were awake and not in a coma but showed no evidence of awareness.

In recent years, some specialists have criticised the term because it fails to distinguish levels of vegetative state — patients vary in their degree of responsiveness — and the diagnosis can cause medical staff to abandon hope. Dr Keith Andrews, medical

director of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in Putney. southwest London, which specialises in the treatment of patients in a vegetative state, said medical staff tended to be too negative about what patients could achieve because few had enough experience to

detect responsiveness.

"You have got to give patients the chance to live before you give them the chance to die." he said. "If they are paralysed and can't speak it is difficult to detect any communication.

However, the cases in which the courts had allowed patients to die had been hopeless. "I assessed most of them and all the ones I have seen I have been satisfied that they were really vegetative and had no chance of recovery."



Caitriona and Marianne White leaving for their first day at school yesterday

# Twins born a month apart join same class

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWINS born within minutes of each other in different educational years have won their fight to join the same class. Caitriona and Mari-anne White were born 19 minutes apart but education officials insisted they be put in different years at school because Caitriona was born in August and Marianne in

After a four-year battle, the twins' mother, Bernadette, 35, was told that the girls could start in the same class at school in Stretford, Greater Manchester, yesterday. Mrs White, a mother of five, gave birth to Caitriona at 11.45pm on August 31, 1991, and Mari-anne at 12.04 on September 1. She said: "It's a victory for common sense and twins across the country. Twins should never be split up just because of a 19-minute difference in birth times."

The girls will be the youngest pupils at St Theresa's Roman Catholic Primary School after Mrs White and her husband Martin, a computer consultant, were allowed to register both births on August 31.

Jackie Butler, of the Twins and Multiple Births Associ-ation, said: "Families can face problems when they try to ensure their children will stay together but the very impor-tant bond between twins should be respected."

failing to protect consumers

from the dangers of over-thecounter drugs. Unfortunately the service is still not up to

scratch, despite pharmacists promoting their advisory role. Some staff haven't even got to

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The Royal Pharmaceutical

Society said in some cases the

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the pharmacists concerned had acted properly in all the

circumstances. But it was

concerned about the cases

where pharmacists appeared to ask no questions at all of people buying medicines.

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# Coach deaths

A coach driver has been summonsed on 13 counts of causing death by dangerous driving after an M4 crash during a Royal British Legion outing. Stephen Brown, 39, is due to appear before Bristol magistrates on January 16.

# Girl stabbed

Police questioned a girl aged 15 after another girl was stabbed in the back during an argument over a boyfriend at Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire. Last night, Victoria Parkin, 16, was in intensive care with a punctured lung. Solar lighthouse

# The last keepers will leave the

Hanois lighthouse, near Guernsey, today when it be-comes Britain's first offshore beacon to run on solar power. Automation is expected to save £894.000 over the 15-year life of the new equipment.

# Worldwide alert

Internet addiction could be come as damaging as alcohol or drug abuse, says Dr Mark Griffiths, a psychologist at Nottingham Trent University who has found children spending 14 hours a day on the worldwide computer system.

# Chemists 'selling unsuitable drugs' over the counter'

By A STAFF REPORTER

MANY chemists are selling people the wrong medicines or failing to offer the right ciation said today. An unsuitable drug drug was sold on 14 out of 30 occasions when researchers posing as custom-ers visited chemists.

In half the cases the researchers were not advised to see a doctor when they should for Which?, the association's magazine, visited ten pharmacies for the survey.

Each researcher presented different problem designed to test the quality of advice and the safety of over-thecounter drug sales. They found that:

Seven out of ten pharma-cies wrongly sold the painkill-er Nurofen, containing ibu-profen, which can interact with some prescription medicines. No questions at all were asked in two of the pharmacies.

Staff in nine pharmacies

failed to spot the symptoms of a potentially serious illness that urgently required treatment by a doctor.

A researcher who said he was suffering from diarrhoea after a trip to Asia not only failed to be referred to a doctor but was also sold an unnecessary medicine. In five cases, sales assis-

tants did not ask the right questions when a hay fever treatment was requested. When they did, two recommended the wrong drug. Charlotte Gann, a senior editor of Which?, said: "We

have criticised pharmacists time and time again for

"The society is working hard to improve the level of service provided by pharma-cists through the introduction of professional guidelines on the procedure to follow when medicines are sold. Some pharmacists seeking to implement the society's guidelines, however, meet with resistance and in some cases even hostility from some customers who do not wish to discuss their

symptoms."

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# Is this why the Wise Man brought myrrh as a gift?

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE mystery of why the Wise Man brought myrrh to the birth of Christ may have been solved by scientists who have isolated two painkilling compounds from the substance, a resin from a north African shrub.

Researchers said it raised the tantalising notion that the kings brought at least one gift not for the Son of God but to ease the labour pains of the Virgin Mary. A spokesman for Church House in London said yesterday: "If that were the case it would have been of little use. They were a bit late and He was already born."

Myrrh, a natural compound extracted from a group of tropical shrubs called Commiphora. has been linked with perfumery, embalming and medicine since the Ancient Egyptians. Hippocrates, the Greek doctor, recommended myrrh



The Wise Man's myrrh had medicinal powers

used it for treating mouth. and eye infections. According to St Mark's

Gospel, a myrrh wine called "vinum murratum" is of-fered by the soldiers to Christ before the Crucifixion. But the new research is the first to confirm scientifically that the resin, made of essential oil, water soluble gums and alcohols, can actually kill pain, and to-

volved. The findings, published in the British journal Nature, have come from a team of scientists at the University of Florence. They measured the time it took two groups of mice, one having been given a myrrh preparation, to register pain after their paws had been put on a hot metal plate. The mice were considered to have felt pain when they began licking their paws.

Tests showed that it took more than five minutes or over 25 per cent longer for the mice given myrrh to feel pain. The scientists then isolated three likely compounds and retested these on the mice. Two were found to have a powerful painkilling effect.

Dr Piero Dolara, Professor of Pharmacology at the university, said yesterday that it was possible that other painkillers were also in the "complicated resin". Whether the two could be used by mainstream mediedefection wge ironv

Growing demand for a by-election creates split between activists and ordinary voters

# Nicholson should resign and fight, say constituents

By James Landale, political reporter

CONSTITUENTS of Emma Nicholson gave clear backing yesterday to demands that she should stand down from Parliament and face a by-election after her defection from the Tories to the Liberal

Democrats. Although activists in both parties are unhappy at the prospect, voters in the Devon West and Torridge constituen- cy — including her supporters
 believe the MP should face the electorate.

Their demands were backed by a Westcountry TV tele-phone poll which found that 72 per cent of its 4,000 callers believe that the MP should

resign.

The result is a dilemma for Paddy Ashdown. While the Liberal Democrat leader and Miss Nicholson have indicated their support for a byelection, if widely demanded by local people, it would anger local Liberal Democrat activ-

ists. They are in the middle of selecting a new parliamentary candidate and would oppose any attempt by the national party to impose Miss Nicholson on them.

Members of the seven-strong shortlist, who are being interviewed this weekend, have already voiced their con-cern. John Rawlinson, the local Liberal Democrat chairman, said a by-election would be awkward.

We are not really in favour of a by-election at the mo-ment, he explained. "We are supposed to be a democratic party but to impose a candidate on the local party would be very difficult to accept." Nicholas Waterhouse, the

said: "A by-election would be particularly pointless and unconstructive." Local Tories, who have already begun the process of

party's constituency secretary,

equallý concerned. Margaret Taylor, the Conservative Association chairman, said she would not welcome a by-election. While she understood the demands being made by Tory MPs, they had to recog-nise the practical difficulties of a by-election so close to a general election. "If people start clamouring

for one, then one might begin to feel something should be

done. But it is up to Miss Nicholson, she said.

Mrs Taylor said her members were still bewildered by the affair. "The fact that they elected a Conservative but now have a Liberal Democrat is very hard for them to understand. I fail to understand how anybody could change their long-held views in a matter of two or three weeks. We had had several visits from Cabinet ministers recently and at each event she

made a speech telling us how



Dame Margaret Fry, left, says: "Go for it". Margaret Taylor, centre, says a poll on Nicholson, right, is impractical

plendid John Major and the

overnment were."
However. Dame Margaret Fry, president of the local Tory Association, said she would welcome a by-election. "We are quite happy to go for it and we will win it. You have got to do the honourable thing at a time like this."

Miss Nicholson has a majority of 3,614 in the West Country constituency, which incorporates the fishing community of Bideford, central market towns, and the sparsely populated Western reaches of Dartmoor. Yesterday, many of the 71,000-strong electorate

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were still stunned by the china shop, said: "I think it weekend defection. One pub even had burnt an effigy of would be a marvellous gesture if she put her money where her mouth is and stood down Miss Nicholson at its new year celebration, when locals tradito be re-elected." tionally set light to an "ashen

faggot" of ash and hazel twigs. In Okehampton, one of the main market towns, voters clearly backed a by-election. Terry Miller, 44, who works in a car parts shop, said: "I think she should stand down. She is not actually representing the Tory party at present. It's not fair on the Tories, and it's not fair on the Liberals because they didn't vote for her." Paul

Chaudoir, 59, owner of a bone

Barry Evans, 53, a retired policeman, said: "I think she was a little presumptuous in thinking that she would win.

She should give us the chance to prove her wrong." Peter Morley, a pet shop owner, added: "She should resign the seat but I think she would win it back again as a

Liberal Democrat. Even in Miss Nicholson's home village of Winkleigh there were calls for her to

stand down. Leon Hunt, 63, a retired college lecturer, said: "She's been elected as a Tory here and she should not be allowed to cross the floor. She should not represent the area unless she has held a by-

election."

Earnon Duffy, landlord of the Winkley Hotel, said: "Anybody who crosses the floor should stand down." Mike Childs, a local motor dealer said: "I think she is quite a good MP despite what people have said, but she should

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

family car.

# Blair takes his trade pledge to Far East

By PHILIP WEBSTER

TONY BLAIR will take a message that he has changed the Labour Party for good to the Far East today. On a trip to Japan and Singapore the Labour leader is planning to tell industrialists and politicians that Labour is unhesitatingly a "pro-free trade party".

Mr Blair, who is travelling to Japan after a Christmas holiday in Australia, is determined to use the visit to increase his international stature and to enhance the impression that Labour is

preparing for government. In a speech to the Japanes CBI tomorrow Mr Blair is expected to claim that Britain under Labour will be a better bet for inward investment by Far East companies. He will assure government ministers and leaders of industry that under his government there would be no going back to punitive rates of taxation or

state control. While Mr Blair is in Japan Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will be in Washington for talks with senior members of the Administration, spelling out Labour's

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# **Euro-sceptics** see defection as huge irony

Tories because of their stance on Europe is viewed with massive irony on the Conser-vative Right. It comes at a time when the Right believes it is being outmanoeuvred in the Cabinet, particularly by Kenneth Clarke.

Madrid summit to use a BBC interview to rule out a Tory manifesto pledge keeping Britain out of a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament is laid firmly at the Chancellor's door by his Euro-

known to have been toying with the idea of the manifesto pledge during the Conservative conference last October. It would have been eagerly supported by ministers such as Michael Howard, Michael

Heseltine were strong advocates of leaving open the Government's options, and they held sway. It was Mr Clarke, at a press conference in Madrid, who first ruled out the pledge, although Mr Major had gone close in the Commons two weeks before.

EMMA NICHOLSON'S not join a single currency claim that she has deserted the unless it had rejoined the exchange-rate mechanism, which Britain left in 1992, and served a further two years in

> But to the chagrin of Labour as well as Tory sceptics, Mr Major said the rule no longer applied because the ERM as constituted at the time of Maastricht no longer existed.

According to well-informed sources, the Cabinet had never been told of this change, and Mr Major's words took some Cabinet ministers aback. The significance was not lost on them. The old rule would have prevented Britain being among the first group of single currency members. The fact that it was no longer operative had at least made it possible

for it to go in from the start. The Euro-sceptics believe that Mr Major is now almost certain to pledge a referendum on a single currency. But they believe that the price for Mr Heseltine's and Mr Clarke's agreement will be an understanding that the Cabinet of the time would be bound by any decision to go into a single

If Labour wins the election, that will be not be Mr Major's problem. If, against all the odds. Mr Major is returned, at least three members of the next Tory Cabinet, Mr Howard, Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley, would find themselves with no option but to resign and campaign against a single currency in a referendum

# John Major's decision at the sceptic enemies. The Prime Minister is

Portillo and Peter Lilley. But Mr Clarke and Michael

What came as even more of a surprise to the Tory Right was Mr Major's declaration in the Commons after the summit that a Maastricht treaty rule that would have prevented Britain joining a single currency on January 1, 1999. no longer applied. Under Maastricht, a country could

# Time running out for a Tory revival

By PETER RIDDELL

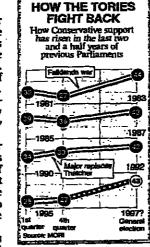
THE Tories have to recover further than at any time since their post-Falklands revival of 1982-83 if they are to win the next election. according to an analysis of MORI polls for The Times. The Tories have managed only a slight recovery from previous record low

Tory support in October to December last year was 27 per cent, an increase of four points since its low at the end of 1994. But the Tory vote needs to rise to about 43 per cent to be sure of re-election. With at most 16 months

to go before a general election, the Tories require a much larger recovery than the party managed in the final 18 months of the last two parliaments - of 16 percentage points com-pared with seven and four

The Tories' lowest point in the 1987-92 parliament was 34 per cent in the first half of 1990. At the end of 1990, after John Major had replaced Margaret Thatcher and during the Gulf crisis, the rating was 39 per cent, rising to 43 per cent in the April 1992 election.

In the 1983-87 parliament, the low point was 32 per cent in the summer of



1985, before the share picked up to 36 per cent 18 months before the June 1987 general election, again won with 43 per cent. The only time when the

Tories have managed as large a recovery as they now require was in 1981-83. Their rating, according to MOR1. fell to 27 per cent in the final quarter of 1981. The Tories then recovered over the next 18 months to 44 per cent, though this reflected both the impact of Mrs Thatcher's leadership during the Falklands conflict and divisions in the Labour Party. Mr Major cannot count on such help.

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Bosnians accuse peacekeeping force of breaking promises

# Nato acts over 'abductions'

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

NATO intervened yesterday after the alleged abduction of to Bosnian civilians by Serb forces in a suburb of Sarajevo threatened to undermine one of the key provisions of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the British commander of Nato ground in Bosnia. Prstojevic Nedjeljko, the Mayor of the Ilidza suburb, to discuss the civilian disappearances after Bosnian Serb officials admitted that they had detained several people. The peace accord achieved in Dayton, Ohio. guaranteed freedom of movement for civilians throughout the country.

The Bosnian Government alleges that the 16 people were abducted as they attempted to cross a road running through the Serb-held suburb of Ilidza. which was opened to civilian traffic by Ifor, the Nato peace implementation force, two weeks ago.

The situation remained unresolved, however, as both sides gave different accounts

of events and Nato officials General Walker, responding continued to insist that it was not within their mandate to intervene on behalf of the

The mayor said that eight people had been held, the majority of whom were in military uniform and had 'penetrated deep in Bosnian Serb territory to commit criminal acts". He said that, while most had been released, three were being charged with criminal offenses. The Bosnian Government said none of the 16 civilians had been released.

to Mr Nedjeljko's admission that several Bosnians were being detained, said: "The mayor quite understands that the requirements of the Dayton peace agreement are such: there is to be total freedom of movement throughout the country ... this is clearly not

the case. Meanwhile, at a meeting at Sarajevo airport. officials on both sides met to discuss the issue. The Bosnian Serbs refused to say how many people they were holding, but said



Prstojevic Nedjeljko, left, the Mayor of Ilidza, with Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker yesterday

ered prisoners of war.

The Bosnian Government continued to demand the unconditional release of the civilians and accused Ifor of not fulfilling its promises. However, Nato officials say that there have been criminal acts of abduction that should be addressed by the appropriate civilian authorities.

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, who was visiting Bosnia, yesterday urged that an international police force be created "as soon as possible" in Sarajevo. Izetbegovic of Bosnia in Sarajevo before heading north to Tuzla to see American troops and Nato commanders.

The Defence Secretary played down the detention of the civilians. "We have got peace breaking out. We have got Nato on the ground. I am very optimistic that this is the beginning of a new era for Sarajevo," he said.

However, he said it was important that the issue was resolved soon. "It's very important that the police force gets in and established as soon as possible. In the meantime.

1,500-strong international police force that will patrol the area around Sarajevo. The civilian mission, which falls under the domain of Carl Bildt, the international negotiator, has lagged behind schedule, which has contributed to the confusion over the freedom of movement issue.

Mr Bildt, who arrived in the Bosnian capital yesterday, appeared to criticise Ifor for not taking a more active role in protecting civilians. He said that until the police force arrives, "it is important that all of the available resources here are used to try to secure freedom of movement"

Two British soldiers were injured when they hit a landmine while working at a hotel complex in Ilidza. They were taken to a French military hospital and a Nato spokesman said their injuries were not thought to be lifethreatening. An American soldier wounded in a mine explosion in Bosnia arrived yesterday at the US military hospital in Landstuhl, near



William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, arrives in Sarajevo yesterday



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# Voter sues Walesa over vow

Gdansk: A voter successfully sued Lech Walesa, Poland's keep a 1990 election promise to grant Poles a piece of state

A court instructed Mr Walesa to pay Jozef Gaweda the equivalent of £266 in compensation because he did not deliver on the pledge. A Justice Ministry spokesman said the case only went against Mr Walesa because he chose to ignore it, and did not anticipate a flood of similar claims. (AP)

### Bomb attack on French buildings

Arhhem: A bomb rocked the French honorary consulate and a French bank in this Dutch border city in an attack that police said could be a protest against France's nuclear test programme. Nobody claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place shortly before midnight on Tuesday. Nor was anyone hurt in the incident. (AFP)

### Papandreou's kidneys harmed

Athens: Andreas Papandreou, 76, the Greek Prime Minister, who is in his seventh week in a critical condition in hospital, has suffered heavy damage to his kidneys, the latest medical bulletin said. He has been undergoing kidney dialysis for more than a month and is being kept alive by a life-support machine. (Reuter)

### Daughter killed under snowman

Zurich: A Swiss toddler, two, suffocated when her father accidentally buried her beneath a snowman he was building for children in a playground, officials said.
"My husband did not see her as he made the snowman," the mother said. The child had apparently fallen asleep. (AP)

# Veiled threat

Nairobi: The Kenyan Government will allow Muslim women to wear their veils in photographs for new national identity cards after they threatened a boycott if obliged to be portrayed without them. The Nation reported. (AFP)

# Wardens renew war on streets of Paris

From Ben Macintyre

THE bitter and long-running battle between the motorists and traffic wardens of Paris resumed with a vengeance yesterday after city authorities announced that parking re-strictions, suspended because of the recent strikes, were now officially back in operation.

For more than a month Parisians have revelled in parking anarchy, leaving their cars exactly where they want. ignoring meters and doubleparking with impunity. The paralysing transport strike. which began on November 30. forced thousands of commuters to drive to work, and with Paris authorities had no choice but to ease the city's draconian parking rules and

call off the tow-trucks. The strike ended on December 18, but in an unlikely act of generosity the police agreed to extend the suspension until after the new year holiday. For those motorists forced to sit in endless traffic jams, the lifting of most parking restrictions was one of the few bright points in an otherwise wholly nasty experience.

But yesterday the interlude of "laissez-faire" parking came to an abrupt halt. "No more indulgence!" declared a headline in Le Parisien newspaper. For the last few days traffic

footing, leaving green tickets on car windscreens threatening dire punishment for those who continue to park illegally. The wardens are traditionally known as "pervenches" (periwinkles) on account of their blue uniforms. Last year the old uniform was replaced with a glamorous dark blue

outfit, earning them the new,

but no more affectionate, sou-

wardens have been on a war

briquet of "marinettes". the navy blue girls. On average Paris traffic wardens hand out tickets at the rate of 16 every minute, amounting to a staggering eight million fines every year. During December the city of Paris forfeited more than 56 million francs (£7.4 million) in lost meter receipts and unen-

forced parking fines. Meanwhile, the Vigipirate anti-terrorist operation remains in force, as a magistrate found to her cost on New Year's Eve when she parked in front of a Paris police station. An anti-terrorist unit blew up her vehicle, thinking a packet of fole gras inside it was a

# Germany proclaims Nazi victims day

BY OLIVER AUGUST

annual day of remembrance for the victims of Nazism. President Herzog said yesterday. The date, January 27, is the anniversary of the liberation in 1945 of the Auschwitz death camp where more than a million people, mostly Jews, died in gas chambers.

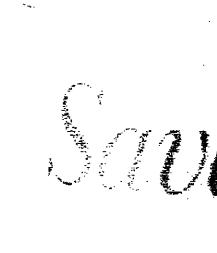
"Our remembrance must not end. It must be a warning to future generations to be watchful," Herr Herzog said. That is why it is now important to find a form of remem-

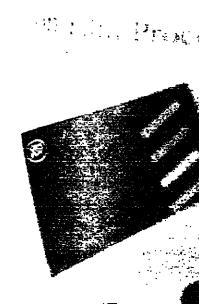
GERMANY is to have an brance which will extend into the future. It should express sorrow for suffering and loss. be dedicated to remembering the victims and counteract any danger of a repetition." January 27 will not be a holiday, but is aimed at

schoolchildren, who will spend the day researching the Holocaust. The Central Council of Jews welcomed the remembrance day and urged other members of the European Union to follow

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# Dole plea to end budget shutdown splits Republicans

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS openly split the loeberg. Thousands of for the first time yesterday as hardline members of the House of Representatives rejected a vote by their more moderate Senate colleagues temporarily to reopen the Government while talks to resolve the budget deadlock

The White House pounced on the news, blaming the House Republican leadership for the deeply unpopular shut-down that yesterday stretched into a record-breaking nineteenth day and is now causing obvious hardship to millions of Americans. Mike McCurry, President Clinton's spokesman, dubbed Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and two of his faller Manual Land and his faller Manu his fellow House leaders "the gruesome group" because "it's gruesome what they're doing to the federal workforce and to

the American people". Mr Clinton met Mr Gingrich and Robert Dole, the Senate leader, on Tuesday evening, and they were meeting again last night but, despite a small concession on capital gains tax by Mr Clinton, a swift resolution of the crisis still seemed distant.

Nine government departments and many other agencies are closed. More than 750,000 federal employees are laid off or working without pay - and that is just the tip of

FROM IAN BRODIE

IN WASHINGTON

A NEW law giving Texans the right to carry a concealed gun has proved immediately popu-lar. By yesterday more than

170,000 gun owners had re-

State officials estimate that

eventually nearly 250,000 of

the state's 12 million people

over 21 will be licensed to bear

hidden arms. Ronnie Foster,

manager of a Houston chemi-

cal laboratory who received

one of the first permits, said that whether he would carry

his gun would depend on

where he was going and how

quested forms for permits.

small contractors dependent on the Government are in financial difficulty, and government loans to new small businesses have ceased.

In addition, more than 1.000 export licence applications from high-tech companies are languishing in the Commerce Department, and 120,000 passport applications have piled up at the Passport Office. National economic statistics

6 It's gruesome what the Republicans are doing to Americans 9

are not being compiled and environmental programmes have ended.

The meals-on-wheels service for 600,000 elderly people is in imminent danger of closure, while California is losing \$5 million (E3.2 million) a day from tourism; every other state with national parks is suffering in a similar way. Abroad, up to 30,000 visa

applications a day are going unprocessed and airlines are complaining about lost busi-

Texans rush to pack a pistol

late he would be out. "The

opportunities to use a gun will

probably be extremely low, if

any," he said. "But if it is only

one that saves my life, that's

plenty". Others see the new

law as a dim-witted throw-

back to frontier justice. It

overturns a ban on concealed

weapons that had lasted a

hundred years since the end of

helped to write the law admits

he always carried a concealed

weapon for personal safety. As

the old saying goes, guns are pretty much the state flower of

Texas. They are in half of all households and an average of

Even a state senator who

the Civil War.

ness. The Washington Post reported that Vietnam had threatened to cut off electricity to the American Embassy because it has not paid a \$1,600 bill. Even the man who hauls water to the embassy in Cuba has refused to make further deliveries until he is

The Republican rift was precipated by Mr Dole, who unexpectedly ordered the Senate vote on Tuesday night after declaring that "enough is enough ... People have been gone from their jobs long enough. I don't see any sense to what we've been doing."

Mr Dole, the favourite to win the Republican presidential nomination later this year. fears that the deeply unpopu-lar shutdown is undermining his strongest suit, his ability to get things done, so damaging his White House prospects. wever Mr Gingrich doubted that the House would even vote on the Senate measure yesterday. His spokesman said: You'd never get the

votes to pass it." And John Boehner, head of the House Republican conference, formed a zero with his fingers when asked what chance there was that the House would support the Senate. "We want action, we want it now and we are going to stay the course," he said.

nine people a day die from

gunshots in the state. The law

was signed with gusto by

George W. Bush, the staunch-

ly law-and-order Governor of

Texas and eldest son of the former President. He said the

"self-protection act" would

A concealed weapon is not

much of a fashion statement,

but women have been advised

about fitting small revolvers

into handbags. Men are said

to favour the Colt .45 or Smith

and Wesson 357 Magnum. The Dallas Morning News

has recalled Mae West's line:

"Is that a pistol in your pocket, or are you just glad to see me?"

make Texas safer.



Monarch butterflies cling to leaves in the aftermath of a snowstorm that hit the mountainous region of western Mexico, killing an estimated 20 million of the insects.

state of alert, it was reported

yesterday. Worst hit was the northern state of Chihuahua

Every year, in one of nature's remarkable migrations, the distinctive orange and black butterflies fly 3,000 miles south from their summer home in the Great Lakes normally find a temperate states of Canada and the northern United States to

escape freezing temperatures (David Adams writes). The arctic weather in Mexico has also caused three state governments to declare a

**Butterflies fly to** doom in snow

— where 59 people were reported to have died — Baja California and Veracruz. In the thick evergreen mountain forests of Michoacan, to the west of Mexico City, the monarch butterflies

climate. Despite snowfails every four or five years, the monarchs always return. The snow that began falling at the weekend is believed to have killed between 10 and 30 per

cent of the colony.

In the last big chill, in February 1992, when an estimated 70 per cent of the butterflies were killed, they bred well in the spring.

joins critics of film biography

raphy of Richard Nixon was criticised further yesterday by one of the journalists who uncovered the Watergate scandal that sank the President and by an aide jailed for his part in the affair.

Tendentious and more than three hours long, the film has been condemned by the former President's family and by his former aides. American critics and cinema-goers have reached a similar verdict; it is a grave distortion of history and only barely digestible as a ece of entertainment.

While Sir Anthony Hopkins has been praised for his brave stab at portraying a man pos-sessed by inner demons, his creation, by all accounts, bears little relation to the real Nixon. who died barely a year ago. Bob Woodward, one of the

two Washington Post reporters who uncovered the Watergate scandal that destroyed the Nixon presidency, wrote in the same paper: "As best as I can tell, about half the movie is based on facts. The other haif ranges from sound speculation to borderline slander." Another man in a position to

know has provided details of how history has suffered a serious compression fracture" in *Nixon*. In the film, an increasingly deranged Presi-dent is seldom seen without a whisky tumbler and always calls his wife "Buddy". In fact he drank little while in the White House and never used the nickname, according to John Ehrlichman, who worked closely with Nixon for 15 years and was jailed for his role in Watergate. The film's most serious dis-

tortion, and a give-away that Mr Stone is still in thrall to the conspiracy theories of his student days, is its suggestion that President Nixon was in some way linked to the murder of John F. Kennedy.

This recurring theme has prompted a tirade from Nixon's daughters, who say it renders the entire film "illegitimate" and a letter of sympaOliver Stone, the film director, is still in thrall to the conspiracy theories of his student days, writes Giles Whittell

thy and shame from Diane Disney Miller, Walt Disney's daughter, who wrote to the Nixons last week apologising that her father's company had agreed to distribute the film. Mr Ehrlichman mocked Mr

Stone's stated aim of enhancing Americans' understanding of their most notorious leader. Specifically, he tackles the thorny issue of 18½ minutes of blanked-out tape from one of the President's hundreds of recorded Oval Office conversations. If it could be heard. the silent tape would spell out a mysterious link between Nixon, the Cuban Bay of Pigs fiasco and the JFK assussina tion, Mr Stone implies.
The film also depicts Mr

Ehrlichman and his fellow aide, H. R. Haldeman, discussing the President's fixation with the assassination. But "he and I said nothing of the kind, then or ever", the real Mr Ehrlichman writes.

The feuding might never have resurfaced had the director not gone out of his way to bolster his film's alleged authenticity. It opens with a pleathat Nixon is a "dramatic interpretation". However, the fact that

Oliver Stone believes his every insinuation is clear from the long footnotes to his 127-page screenplay, published with the film, and from his pointed observation at the end that only 40 of the 6,000 Nixon White House tapes have been made public.

As critics wrestle with the ethics of playing fast and loose with history for the sake of a film, the film's problems are only just beginning: barely noticed in the furore is the fact that audiences do not seem to be rushing to see it.

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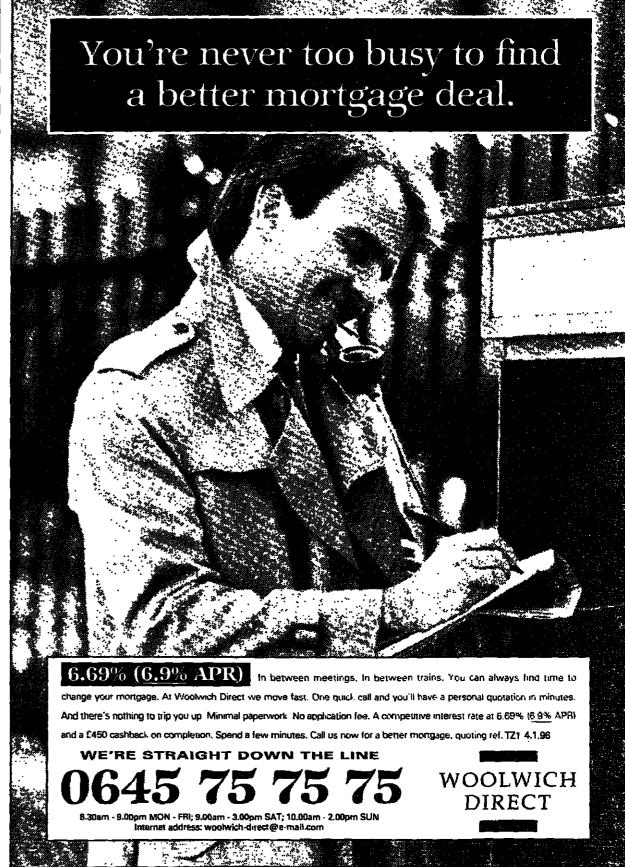


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# Rwandan troops threaten to seize aid medicines

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

EUROPEAN aid workers were facing a showdown last night with Rwandan troops who have invaded their compound in the capital, Kigali. and threatened to carry off vehicles and medicines worth hundreds of thousands of million men, women and

Fifteen Spanish, Belgian children. and Dutch employees of the medical charity, Medecins Sans Frontières, were locked in a stand-off with soldiers of the Tutsi-dominated Government, who have already stolen-£300,000 of equipment from the compound, according to the aid agency. So far there has been no violence." an official of the charity said in London. "The troops are just sitting around. The incursion into the com-

pound marks a new low in relations between the Rwandan Government and foreign aid agencies. The regime ex-pelled the French arm of Médecins Sans Frontières last month with representatives of 36 other non-governmental organisations working in the

Frances Stevenson, who is in charge of the Médecins Sans Frontières compound in Kigali, was in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, last night. She said the soldiers inside the compound obviously planned no try to take the remaining vehicles belonging to the

French section". The Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Government has become increasingly critical of foreign aid workers, who spend twice as much in a year as most Rwandans earn in a year on helping mostly Hutu refugees. The Rwandan Government also accuses France of having that they had counted about backed the regime of President Habyarimana, a Hutu, who died when his aircraft was shot down over Kigali on April b. 1944, precipitating the civil war in which Hutu extremists slaughtered more than half a

The French Médecins Sans Frontières staff expelled from Rwanda said last month that one reason behind their expulsion may be that they had said 'thousands" died when troops of the Tutsi-dominated army fired into Hutu refugees at the Kibeho displaced persons camp last April. The Government put the death toll there at 300 and the United Nations came up with a figure of "approximately 2,000" after UN troops had said earlier

Yesterday's stand-off at the Kigali compound came as a French lawyer and director of legal affairs for Médecins Sans Frontières criticised the Rwandan Government and the international community for failing to resurrect the justice system in Rwanda and hold trials of those accused of genocide during the bloodbath two years ago. Françoise Saulnier says that the country's growing prison popula-tion - now 58.000 - has no hope of a fair trial in the foreseeable future because of UN bureaucracy and the climate of fear in Rwanda.

5.000 corpses.

Philippe Biberson, the head

of Médecins Sans Frontières-

France, said in Paris yesterday

that he feared that "silence

could reinforce a regime of terror in Rwanda, where

clashes are still taking place

between Hutus and Tutsis.

We fear that the only organ-

isations authorised to remain

are those that keep silent." M Biberson said. "Every day, our teams heard accounts which

demonstrated a climate of fear

France has also spoken out

against a massacre by soldiers at the northwestern village of

Kanama and against horrific

overcrowding in prisons.

among the population." Médecins Sans Frontières-

Mme Saulnier, whose campaign to bring justice to the country features in a BBC2 television programme, Assignment, on Saturday at 7,20cm. also claims that the Rwandan Defence Ministry has appropriated most of the equipment and funds allocated to the



Richard Ralph, the Governor-designate of the Falklands, tries on his ceremonial hat in London yesterday. The full uniform is seen below

# Governorship is feather in one's cap

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RICHARD RALPH called on a Savile Row tailor yesterday for the final fittings for his brocade and plumed hat. The colonial Governor's uniform. the stuff of a thousand cartoons and anti-imperialist demonstrations, can now be worn by only five men in the tiny dependent territories.

Mr Ralph, 49, is looking forward to the first time he can don what must be one of the world's more comical pieces of headgear: on Monday he will be sworn in as Governor of the Falklands. And at the end of the month will again be in full plumage to receive the Princess Royal. to begin after Britain's crucial agreement with Argentina opened the way to drilling in A former Ambassador to Latvia, he has been promoted seas whose sovereignty refrom Her Majesty's plenipomains undecided, may bring tentiary in a country of 27 untold wealth, as well as million to the lone representahundreds of immigrants, to tive in Port Stanley, capital of a community of some 2,000

More immediately sensisouls. There is no irony in the tive, however, is the still vexed omotion: Mr Ralph's new issue of relations with Argenjob is one of the most politicaltina. Mr Ralph, innocent of ly charged, sensitive and vital any experience in either counin the Diplomatic Service. try, insisted, in an interview The Falklands are on the with The Times, that though Britain's relations with Buebrink of extraordinary change that could transform the windswept archipelago into the Kuwait of the South is simply not for discussion. Atlantic. Oil exploration, soon

in his other role - representing the islanders to the Government - he will go native. But that is always the danger of any diplomat," he admitted. He will be a visible and public figure in Port Stanley. and acknowledged that both he and his wife will have to leave privacy in the bottom drawer for three years.

Mr Ralph flies out tomorrow - complete with hat. At upwards of £500, it is interchangeable only with the one worn by Lord Waddington in Bermuda and comes courtesy of the Foreign Office. There is little demand for them



nos Aires were warming rapidly, the islands' sovereignty The greater danger is that Ashe widow | Hold the front page joins row

# over statue

FROM IAN BRODIE

THE widow of Arthur Ashe, who was the first black to win the Wimbledon men's singles. has joined critics objecting to his statue being placed among Confederate heroes in Richmond, Virginia, where as a child he was banned from whites-only tennis courts.

Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe has declared that Ashe was told the statue would be put beside his dream project, a proposed African-American Sports Hall of Fame. Writing in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Mrs Ashe said she did not oppose putting the statue on Richmond's Monument Avenue for racial or political easons, but because it would honour the former Confederate capital rather than Ashe's life work. However, when Ashe died in 1993 from Aids contracted through a blood transfusion, he had been reconciled with Richmond and agreed to be buried there.

for Socrates' trial FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

PERHAPS the most peculiar: hanna Times by including newspaper in the United more local history. Readers States is a tabloid that responded, but there just was specialises in headlines that not enough local history to are not just days, but often centuries, out of date. Old News has built a circulation of some 34,000 paying subscribers with a diet of torrid news drawn not from the contempo-

rary world, but from history. Venetian inquisitors arrest Casanova", screams one headline from 1755. "Greek philosopher faces death penalty is how the organ flags the trial of Socrates in 399BC. King of England tried for treason", it reports with a dateline of 1649. "newspaper" was founded in 1989 by the Bromer

family, who had tried unsuccessfully to run an ordinary local newspaper after retiring to the Pennsylvania country side from Manhattan. Dr Richard Bromer, a psy-

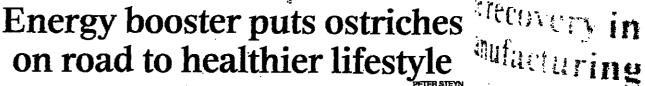
chologist, and his wife, Nancy, a qualified librarian, had originally tried to increase the

readership of their Susque-

write about. The family branched out into other eras and other areas of the world. setting an arbitrary news blackout on anything that happened after 1930.

Now published from the family's farmhouse, Old News is written by Mr and Mrs Bromer, their three children and five grandchildren, and appears nine times a year. Carrying a list of historical sources for its stories and no advertising, the newspaper has become a particular hit among teachers.

The articles sometimes prompt unexpected inquiries. The Bromers say, for instance, that they received a request for one back issue from the descendants of Dr Harvey Hawley Crippen, the British murderer who killed his wife in London in 1910 and buried



FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

OSTRICH farmers in South Africa have turned to a nutritional supplement developed to combat fatigue in humans in an attempt to prevent the birds dying from stress-relat-

A father-and-son medical learn, working with researchers at the University of Potchefstroom, recently developed an energy-enhancing com-pound, carnesium. Although it was originally intended for human use, they now claim it will create a breakthrough in ostrich farming

"It also enables the birds to produce more energy and resist illnesses. They are less likely to die suddenly," said Henry Davis, who pioneered the use of carnesium on ostriches with his 79-year-old father William. This is going to make a great impact."

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the ingredients for your

ideal kitchen.

The farming of ostriches, although potentially lucrative, is fraught with risk as the creatures are notoriously prone to disease and suffer high levels of stress that are frequently fatal. Heavy rains that recently fell in South Africa killed thousands of ostriches in the Western Cape. the main farming area.

The animals are particularly prone to air sac infections (the equivalent of bronchitis) when they are in close proximity in new battery-style farms. Carnesium, which includes



Ostriches - feeling the strain in a stressful life

amino acids and magnesium. has been patented in Europe and the United States. State veterinarians in the Cape are recommending its use to farmers, who report favourable initial results.

With an estimated 800 farms, South Africa has more ostriches than any other country. Some are used for racing, while about 120,000 are slaughtered each year for hides, feathers, and low-choThe ostrich trade in South Africa dates from the 17th century, when Dutch settlers exchanged the birds for tobacco and sent 12 of them as a gift to the Emperor of Japan.

Gavin Kanigowski, who owns an ostrich farm in Milnerton, near Cape Town, said: When my birds get stressed out they run up and the fence and pull each other's feathers out. Baid birds are not much use when you are trying to sell their feathers.



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Morgan Stanley faces legal action over collapse of \$120m fund

# Bank accused of negligence by investors

By JON ASHWORTH

MORGAN STANLEY, the investment bank, is being sued for "gross negligence" by investors caught up in the collapse of a \$120 million fund that operated from London and Luxembourg.

The action raises questions about internal controls at the firm, which last year received a record fine in London for breaches of regulatory rules.

It is an embarrassment also for Sir David Walker, chairman of Morgan Stanley Group (Europe), who is past chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the supreme City regulator. Sir David was chairman-designate at the time of the collapse, and is responsible for operations in both London and

Luxembourg.

Morgan Stanley publishes
its latest financial results to day. Investors in several countries borrowed heavily to invest in The Global Opportunity Fund, an offshore umbrella fund that relied, in part, on derivatives to provide growth potential with minimum risk.

Morgan Stanley Banque Luxembourg acted as administrator and custodian, and provided monthly valuations. Morgan Stanley International in London loaned investors up to \$34 million in mid-1994, allowing them to boost their market in some of the fund's

Valuations by Morgan Stanley in Luxembourg gave the appearance that the fund was doing exceptionally well. In reality, a disastrous investment in Italian warrants had sent values plunging.

The investors allege that an error in monthly valuations, in particular relating to Italian telecom warrants, led to the fund being substantially over-valued. They further allege that Morgan Stanley in London used the correct valuations when assessing security for loans advanced.

If true, Morgan Stanley in Luxembourg had one figure in its books, and Morgan Stanley in London had another. The firm says that the two offices work independently of each other, and would not have picked up on the difference.

The fund, managed in London by a firm called InterCapital Asset Management (ICAM), was adminis-tered by Morgan Stanley in Luxembourg, and domiciled in the Cayman Islands.

ICAM subsequently failed - it is not connected in any way with Intercapital, the London-based derivatives

The fund was worth up to \$120 million at one point, but holdings. It also made a redemptions by investors to-

tion, submitted by a third party and accepted in good The identity of the investors have not been disclosed, but many are understood to be of Middle Eastern origin, Investors in America and Europe are also involved; as are a

couple of banks.

the victim of a forged valua-

A spokesman for one investor who lost more than \$15 million in the collapse, said: This was sold as something where you preserve capital. The money was safe. Next thing we heard the fund had collapsed. To this day, nobody has told us what happened after January 1995.\*



Sir David Walker: in charge of the investment bank's operations in London and Luxembourg

# Granada may delay response

GRANADA may wait till Monday or Tuesday instead of making what it calls a "shotgun" response to Forte's surprisingly robust defence document.

Shares in the Savoy Hotel group fell 10,3 per cent, from £10.48 to 940p, yesterday in the wake of Forte's announcement that it intends to distribute its 68 per cent equity interest to Forte shareholders. It had been hoped that Forte would sell the Savoy stake to a single investor, but, since it lacks voting control of Savoy, it could not get a takeover premium.

wants to publish a critique of

Granada, whose hostile bid cash offer is worth 321.7p. Forte is worth about £3.2 billion. shares remained 343p; Grana-

down of how it would add £100 million to Forte's annnual profit, when launches the revised bid. Analysts say Granada must bid at least 10 per cent more. Its

da shares rose 7½p to 649½p.

Forte's defence, and a break-

# **BUSINESS TODAY**

LONDON MONEY

least 30 per cent of Railtrack's equity will be offered to private investors. More shares will be made available to the public should demand out-Sir George Young, Secre-tary of State for Transport, flagged the flotation with news that shares will be sold to

institutional investors via an international tender offer. based on a "book-building" exercise under which prospective investors indicate what they are prepared to pay.
The UK offer to private investors will be at a discount

Railtrack

targets

small

investors

BY MELVYN MARCKUS CITY EDITOR THE Government's £1.5 billion-£2 billion privatisation of Railtrack, the owner and operator of the UK's national rail network, will take place in May accompanied by strong incentives to attract private

The message from the Gov-

ernment yesterday was that at

investors.

strip supply.

to the price struck for the international offer. Payment for Railtrack shares will be made in two instalments -- in separate tax years — and the discount for private investors will be reflected in a lower first instalment price. The crucial factor in the sale

of Railtrack, led by Robert Horton, the chairman, will be the level of debt, currently £1.7 billion, that the company comes to market with. There were no indications of the Treasury's thinking on this yesterday.

The Government line is that at least 51 per cent of Railtrack's equity will be of-fered but, with the Labour Party strongly opposed to rail privatisation. City analysts exbe floated.

Sir George emphasised the importance of share shops, which will have an exclusive role in collecting registrations for the UK public offer.

Private investors will have to register with a share shop to be eligible for incentives and preferential allocation. Registration will start in March and will be accompanied by a near £4 million marketing campaign designed to promote the offer and the role of share

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# STOCK MARKET

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NORTH SEA OIL Brent 15-day (Mar) \$18.05 (\$18.05)

GOLD

London close ..... \$393.65 (\$389.60) denotes midday trading pince

### **Buying policies** can cost £2,000 The full cost of buying a

personal pension or low-cost modest endowment-linked home loan can easily top £2,000 according to a report by a leading City watchdog (Robert Miller writes).

The Personal Investment Authority, the regulator fo companies that sell direct to the public, yesterday published a report on the impact of the product disclosure regime a year after it came into effect. This forces life and pensions companies to tell investors how much is being deducted in commission and expenses and how much is being invested in

£1,000 and can top £2,000. The report is expected to lead to the more competitive life offices cutting their costs. Pennington, table: page 25

Total costs generally exceed

the underlying fund.

# **UK** manufacturing

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**CUTTING THE HEDGE** 

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH manufacturing activity last month recovered slightly from the minor contraction recorded in November, but growth remained fragile and uneven, according to The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.
City analysts generally con-

cluded that the case for further base rate cuts this spring, to follow the quarter point announced on December 13. remains intact. The Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by the Institute, rose to 50.7 from 49.9 in November. The institute said that De-

cember's reading suggested that growth was marginal and that the buoyancy seen in the first half of last year has disappeared. Peter Thomson. Director-General of the institute, said: "This is rather sobering news for the start of 1996. Productivity is healthy but demand is static as many firms use existing stocks to

meet sales." The output index rose to 53.3 in December, the highest since April last year. But the Insti-tute said the fragility of this growth was highlighted by a deterioration in order books for the second month in a row. More positively, the Institute's figures showed that inflationary pressures in industry remain subdued. The prices index fell for the second month

in a row. ☐ Britain's underlying official reserves fell by \$36 million in

# Fragile recovery in | Shipyard bribes man jailed

By Robert MILLER

A DUTCH national who earned £100,000 a year from Exxon has been sentenced to three years in prison for taking more than El million in bribes from Keppel Shipyard in Singapore.

Cornelis Van der Horst, 54, yesterday pleaded guilty at Southampton Crown Court to three specimen charges of corruption after a sevenmonth investigation by the Serious Fraud Office and Hampshire police. The charges related to £500,000, although Van der Horst, a marine engineer, admitted accepting £1.6 million in bribes for favouring Keppel in the bidding process for ship repair contracts.

The successful SFO prosecution, led by Michael Drury, centred on events that took place after Petroleum Ship-

ping Ltd (PSL) moved to Southampton from The Netherlands in September 1994. PSL, which is responsible for the management and repair of Exxon's worldwide tanker fleet, put out a tender for three ships - SS Hawaii, MV Westernport and MV Nassau. In the four years to 1995, every contract was

awarded to Keppel, in which

the Singapore Government has a stake. When SS Hawaii hecame the 27th ship in a row to be awarded to Keppel. PSL's senior management became suspicious and launched an internal investigation. Executives visited Keppel and other Singapore shipyards whose bids had been unsuccessful in the past. Their view, and that of PSL, was that Van der

Horst was favouring Keppel

and providing them with privileged information in relation to competing bids. Thereafter, Van der Horst's telephone calls were monitored and recorded in May 1995.

In his defence, Van der Horst, who said that 80 per cent of his salary went to his family in Holland and 20 per cent to his Malaysian girl-friend, claimed he "had some bad feelings" about how his employer had treated him in the past and he wanted

The bribe money was credited to a bank account in Singapore, from which the rent for his girlfriend's apartment was paid. Mr Drury of the SFO said: "Van der Horst's £100,000 salary wasn't enough for him. His greedy and selfish behaviour led to a gross breach of his position of trust."

# You must be sure, Maxwell trial jury told



Ian Maxwell and his wife, Laura. arriving at the court yesterday

By Jon Ashworth

JURORS in the Maxwell trial were told they had to be sure that the accused deliberately and dishonestly put pension funds at risk before convicting them. Suspicion alone was

not enough.

Lord Justice Phillips, beginning his summing-up in the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and Larry Trachtenberg, a former Maxwell adviser, told the seven women and five men that all three had been directors of Bishopseate Investment Management (BIM), which administered the Max-

well pension funds. As such, they had

a duty to administer the funds for the

benefit of pensioners and future

pensioners. The judge said: "As directors, each had a duty to keep the pension funds safe. The prosecution say they broke that duty not negligently which would not be a crime, not recklessly which would not be a crime, but as a result of a deliberate agreement to take part in conduct which they knew would put those funds at substantial risk and which they knew was not honest thereby committing the crime of conspiracy to

He added that there were those who said it was not a good idea for juries to try fraud cases because it was difficult for 12 ordinary men and women from various walks of life to understand

what went on in the City. He said the one great quality juries could bring was common sense.

The judge went on to tell the jurors that it was not enough to prove guilt if they considered the evidence was more likely than not to show fraud --"you can only convict if you are sure". He told the jurors to reach verdicts purely on the evidence heard in court.

Kevin, 36, denies conspiring with his father, the late Robert Maxwell, to defraud. You have to decide where the defraud pensioners of shares worth £100 million in Scitex Corporation, With his brother, lan, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, he also denies conspiring to defraud pensioners of a further £22 million of shares in Teva. The trial was adjourned until today.



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Airbus fight

to clinch

\$1.8bn deal

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Dasa of Germany and Casa of

Spain. Airbus is offering its

four-engined A340 plane in-

The European consortium

is particularly keen to keep its

strong position as a supplier to

MAS, which is expanding fast

to cope with rising traffic levels to and from Pacific Asia. MAS bought its first Airbus

aircraft in 1978 and has just

taken delivery of its tenth

A330, a twin-engined sister to

The struggle to win the

MAS order reflects intense

competition between Boeing

and its European rival, which has secured around 30 per

cent of the world civil jet market and is now threaten-

Boeing's 50 per cent share.

company.

ing to make inroads into

Yesterday, Airbus clinched a \$580 million order for nine

A321-200 single-aisle, short to medium-range twin-jets from GATX Capital Corporation, the American leasing

The contract came along-

side figures for 1995 showing that Airbus sold \$9.6 billion of

aircraft last year, generating revenues of almost \$2 billion

for BAe, which builds the

In total, Airbus delivered

last year. It took 106 new orders, worth \$7 billion, bring-ing its order backlog to 578

But thanks to the launch of

its new 777 and the success of its relaunched 737 series,

Boeing made up a lot of

ground in the sales battle last

year, securing 261 firm orders.

aircraft worth \$46.4 billion.

stead of the Boeing twin-jet.

# City expects Liverpool Vic to hit acquisition trail

LIVERPOOL Victoria Friendly Societv. the 150-year-old mutual life insurer, is believed to be close to acquiring a banking or insurance

The society, which has assets of more than £3 billion, yesterday denied that it was the subject of a takeover bid and issued a statement saying that it was not aware that any other party was preparing to launch a bid. "LVFS states it is not in discussion with any other party concerning a takeover bid for the

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE and its

arch-rival Boeing of America are locked in a last-minute

battle to secure a \$1.8 billion

order for long-range aircraft from Malaysian Airline Sys-

The contract, which was to

have been announced today.

has been deferred to allow the

manufacturers to fine-tune

Reports from Malaysia sug-

gest that Boeing is likely to receive a \$1.6 billion contract

for ten 747 aircraft. But the

Seattle-based aircraft manufacturer is also keen to sell 15

of its new sub-jumbo wide-bodies, the 777, to MAS.

The deal is being fiercely contested by Airbus, which is

jointly owned by British Aero-

space. Aérospatiale of France,

Lorry sales

'ahead 17%'

SALES of Jorries in Britain

are set to level out this year

after strong growth in 1995,

according to Leyland DAF

David Gilchrist, manag-

ing director, said that Fig-

ures from the Society of

turers and Traders

(SMMT), due out tomorrow, are likely to show total sales of 52,300 lorries.

up 17 per cent on 1994.

Leyland DAF believes

total truck sales in 1996 are

likely to fall to between

49,000 and 54,000.

(Ross Tieman writes).

tem (MAS).

their proposals.

society, nor is it aware of any other party preparing to launch a bid for insurance business. the society," the statement said.

However, an industry source claimed that the society had been in negotiations for several weeks with a view to making a purchase, and was close to announcing that it was expanding into banking or

Last year, the Liverpool Vic. the largest of the friendly societies, was rumoured to be interested in buying the UK-quoted financial services group London and Manchester. The City now believes that the society

The society, whose business is based on door-to-door collection of premiums in the north of England. could use its client base of two million to expand into other services. The mutual status of many build-

ing societies and friendly societies is under threat as organisations merge or are taken over. Banks and other financial institutions can pay big bonuses to woo society members.

The Liverpool Vic's statement said that it intended to use its free reserves "in the best interests of our

policyholders". It denied intending to move away from its traditional client base, saying: "The society remains totally committed to its members and to the traditions of home service on which the society has been built."

Analysts suggested yesterday that National Westminster Bank, which has just sold its Bancorp subsidiary in the US, or the Prudential could be keen buyers. Neither would

One analyst said: "If the Liverpool Vic feels it would be less vulnerable by restructuring, then buying new society might be the answer. It is the largest player in its market and has lots of spare cash."

David Cheeseman, corporate strategy manager with Liverpool Vic. refused to comment on whether a merger with another society was imminent, but said that he was interested in "expanding our range of services for our members". He added: Those services might include banking or insurance — we already sell general insurance — but such a move is still at a research

# Cider firm to swap

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

MERRYDOWN, the cider

cement the relationship be-tween the two companies. Merrydown, which manu-factures and distributes Two Dogs under licence in the UK, is planning to take a 10 per cent stake in Two Dogs later this year in exchange for the Australian company taking a 10 per cent stake in Merrydown.

company.

Duncan MacGillivray, the managing director of Two Dogs, who holds a 73 per cent

the rate it is."

# stake in Two Dogs

maker, is close to announcing a share swap with Two Dogs. the Australian alcoholic lemonade maker, in a move to

Two Dogs is also planning to float on the Australian Stock Exchange in the second half of this year to raise A\$36 million (£17.2 million), giving Merrydown the opportunity to buy further shares in the

stake in the group, said yesterday that Merrydown would be given priority to take up further shares. He said that virtually all the money raised by the float will go into equity stakes in the companies that

distribute Two Dogs.

The group has already taken a one-sixth stake in Next Generation Marketing Inc., which distributes Two Dogs

Mr MacGillivray, who created Two Dogs two years ago after deciding to brew an orchard of non-saleable lemons, said: "As opportunities arise we want to have the cash out there and spend now and keep our expansion going at

Worldwide sales of Two Dogs are expected to reach of A\$100 million this year. Merrydown shares fell 7p to 107p yesterday.

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Celebrating, Duncan MacGillivray, left, and Richard Purdey, chairman of Merrydown

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Liffe volumes fall in more stable trading

THE London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) suffered a 13 per cent decline in trading volumes in 1995, to a total of 132,654,219 contracts. The average daily volume also fell 13 per cent to 526,406 contracts compared with 1994, representing an average daily turnover of £128.4 billion. Liffe said that market conditions were averationally volatile in 1994, while 1995 conditions were exceptionally volatile in 1994, while 1995 saw a return to more stable trading conditions. Volume was still higher in 1993, the exchange added.

Volume in the short sterling future declined by more than 37 per cent and gilt futures volume fell nearly 35 per cent. German government bond (Bund) futures volume was 31 per German government bond (Bund) futures volume was 31 per cent lower, though the contract was still the exchange's most successful. The contracts that enjoyed the fastest growth in 1995 were the Japanese government bond (JGB) future, which grew by more than 38 per cent, and the three-month Euroswiss option, which showed a 76 per cent gain. The three-month Euromark options contract also grew by 16 per cent. Separately, the London Commodity Exchange reported a record year for white sugar futures and options contracts, with 1995 volumes rising 21.9 per cent over 1994.

# **RJR** vote approval

AMERICA'S Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) has given the go-ahead to a move by a group of Catholic priests to force a vote on spinning off the food from the tobacco interests of RJR Nabisco. The SEC's decision overrules an attempt by RIR to block the resolution. The decision creates an unusual alliance between the priests and two corporate raiders. Bennet Le Bow and Carl Icahn, who are also pressing for a spin-off. A vote on the spin-off may now take place at the next shareholders meeting in April.

# **BCCI** payment 'soon'

CREDITORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) have been told that there will be "satisfactory" payments within three months. But Abdul Aziz Said, the receiver of the United Arab Emirates, whose estimated payment date is seen as optimistic, described as baseless reports that the nearly 40,000 UAE-based depositors would receive a payment of 40 per cent of their funds. A total of 100,000 creditors worldwide are expected to receive a payment in May or June.

# Vauxhall pay progress

MEMBERS of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port factory in Cheshire voted by three to one to accept the car company's three-year pay offer. But AEEU officials are unsure if members at the Luton plant will accept the deal when they vote today. Members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at both factories will also vote on the offer of a 4.5 per cent increase in year one followed by the rate of inflation for the next two years. Vauxhall is also offering to cut an hour off the 39-hour week.

# **Colony growth forecast**

HONG KONG should maintain its economic growth rate of 5 per cent in 1996, boosted by robust growth in China, said Donald Tsang, the colony's Financial Secretary, yesterday. Economic growth would be driven by a pick-up in consumer spending, he said, adding that no special measures would be required. "We'll leave the economy to adjust to cyclical fluctuations through market forces." There were concerns last year that the economy was slowing significantly after a

# Liverpool Blend sale

THE first oil from Liverpool Bay in the Irish Sea is expected to flow by mid-January. Three 600,000-barrel cargoes of Liverpool Blend, a light 44-degree API crude, have been sold for delivery in northwest Europe, a spokesman for BHP Petroleum, the operators, said yesterday. The first cargo is to load in January and the other two in February. They were sold at a discount to benchmark Dated Brent, but are expected to fetch higher prices as the market becomes more familiar with the light crude.

# Pilkington airport deal

PILKINGTON, the glass manufacturer, has won an order worth HK\$160 million (£13.5 million) to supply 81,000 square metres of glass for the passenger terminal building at the airport being built at Chek Lap Kok in Hong Kong. The contract for external walls, skylights and link bridges is thought to be the world's largest for architectural glass. It will be mainly supplied by Flachglas, Pilkington's German subsidiary. Pilkington Architectural in the UK will supply a structural glazing curtain walling system.

# Usborne to sell division

USBORNE, the pig production and grain merchanting group, has agreed to sell Daisy Hill Pigs, its pig products division, to BOCM Pauls, a subsidiary of Harrisons & Crosfields, for F7.4 million. Usborne, whose chairman is Lord Parkinson, is to concentrate on its agricultural services which has arrested many artificials which has arrested many artificials. division, which has proved more profitable. Usborne's pig business incurred heavy losses in 1994 and remained in the red last year. The sale should yield a small profit and reduce

# **Grafton Group buys**

GRAFTON GROUP, the Dublin building supplies company. continues to expand in the UK. It has acquired the builders merchanting business of RJ Johnson of Oxford, for £4.5 million, and the mortar business of P P S Structural Services for about El million. Grafton is also considering the purchase of an additional business in southeast England. The group's past acquisitions in the UK include part of Lumley & Hunt and the Thrower Group in 1994. Grafton enjoyed a successful year in 1995.

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# Increase in use of consultants BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE use of management consultants has increased dramatically in the past five years, with 61 per cent of firms using a consultant last year. compared with 43 per cent in

But in spite of the increase, firms expressed serious reservations about the fees charged and the the capacity of consultants to follow up their work. They also found it difficult to assess the abilities of consultants other than by recommendation or reputation. The increase in recent years

has been driven by the need for advice during the recesssion. According to a survey of 165 directors by Thomas Clarke and Richard Bostock, of Leeds Business School, published in this month's Financial Director magazine, even smaller companies, with a turnover of less than £10 million, are overcoming their unwillingness to use consultants.

# on tape to aid blind By SARAH BAGNALL

Tesco goes

A REQUEST by a shopper at Tesco has prompted the su-permarket group to launch a customer service initiative to help Britain's one million visually impaired.
Tesco was asked by a blind

customer whether it would put on tape the information that it provides in leaflets in its stores. The company agreed and has produced a cassette covering topics such as healthy eating for elderly people, and advice on additives and on allergies. An initial issue of 50,000 tapes will be available next

week through associations for the blind, and through talking newspapers. The move is a further step

in the supermarket groups battle to differentiate themseives through customer service.

Several food retailers, induding Tesco and Marks & Spencer, have guides avail-able to help blind people in some stores.

Vast changes predicted for world of work

# Wait for it — the £13m wage

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH employees believe for their own salary if they that the average salary in the UK in 100 years' time will be more than E13 million almost 700 times current average earnings.

Such startling expectations of future salary levels come in a survey published today on the world of work in the next millennium.

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In a study of a sample of more than 400 people from all over Britain, ranging from secretaries to senior managers, employees were asked by Reed, the employment agency. what their predictions were

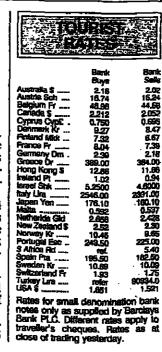
were alive in 100 years' time. The average salary predicted was just over £13.2 million. Government figures from

its annual New Earnings Survey show that current annual earnings average £19,479-£23,052 for white-collar workers and £15,147 for manual workers. Reed points out that for people currently on a salary of £15,000 a 10 per cent rise each year would lead to a salary of more than £227

million in 100 years' time. Reed says senior managers predictions than secretaries. Senior managers' average salary prediction for 2096 was £1.6 million, while one secretary predicted a personal salary of £2 billion.

Overall, the survey, titled Workplace 2000, suggests large-scale changes in the world of work in the next millennium, including the impact of the Internet.

Alec Reed, executive chairman of Reed, says that "old certainties" about the world of work have gone.



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☐ Facts and myths of the harsh weather ☐ Coming clean on pensions ☐ Railtrack shunts towards the bargain basement

Cold comfort for water customers

☐ FIRST, the scientific facts. Researchers have run numerous studies, using control groups and the most rigorous methodology, and they are united in their findings: there is no direct causal link between what you pay your local water company chairman and whether the stuff

Cornes out of the taps.

Now a question. The recent cold snap was in no way ab-normal, at least south of Hadrian's Wall, and was neither as deep nor as prolonged as in other winters. There have been three dozen or so other months this century that were colder than December, according to the Met Office. So why did so many of the water pipes and mains that had served the country since Victorian times give up the ghost?
The answer is, they didn't —

the damage was extremely localised, while cartier cold spells had seen their own share of disruption. Contrary to public belief, water supplies in England and Wales are no less rehable than they were before the 1989 privatisation - in some areas. Thames Water, for example, spent £250 million on its muchvaunted ring-main around the capital and now guarantees that its customers will not even suffer hosepipe bans.

But other areas, such as Yorkshire during the drought and Northumbrian and North East Water in the thaw, have suffered huge disruption. The water industry this winter is blaming freak weather conditions, a quick

freeze and an even faster thaw,

for so-called "ground shift". Such conditions can cause enormous stresses. Geologists talk of pingos — a good Scrabble word, that — huge malforma-tions in the rocks in tundra regions. But Canadian experts, themselves at home in the tundra, one assumes, say much of the damage here was self-in-flicted, because new pipes were laid too high in the ground. The investment records show

that total spending on water rose after privatisation only to fall more recently. Much of the money went to clean up Britain's beaches to European standards and on the instruction of Europe, not to replace outdated water mains and pipes.

Spending on infrastructure renewals fell from a high of £430 million in 1991-92 to just £310 million last year. Of this, spending on water services last year, which includes the replacement of pipes and the improvement of leakage rates, showed a small

increase on 1993-94 but was still well below the previous year.

The damage done by the cold is most pronounced in Northern Ireland, Scotland and the area served by North East - none of which has been through the privatisation process. North East is owned by a French company, as will Northumbrian be shortly. This should strengthen the case for the privatised companies, except that it is a coincidence; those areas happen to match the worst affected parts of the wea-

December may not have been exceptional for the century, but it was, significantly, the coldest since privatisation. There is one other factor. Water companies other factor. Water companies pressed ahead on spending on clean beaches, some quite naturally holding back on running repairs on pipes that were showing only slight leakage. Others did not; Anglian spent heavily on its pipelines, was badly hit by the cold weather, but does not appear to be suffering too much disruption to service. disruption to service.

This is the background to this summer's drought in some areas and the loss of supply on the



thaw, after the first real cold snap to put a strain on the privatised system. You pay your money, you take your choice. The industry was forced to choose clean beaches.

### The PIA's rolling disclosure

☐ THE point about the Personal Investment Authority's first report on disclosure is that there will be a second and a third, and this will in the end prove to be its

most effective weapon.
The PIA, unlike several of the pressure and consumer interest groups that publish updates on the health of the personal finance industry, has nothing to prove

from taking an extremist or alarmist view.

Instead, the figures are all on paper and indisputable. The PIA's claim is that the sheer imminence of its first report and the move to full disclosure of hidden costs and commissions has already helped to prompt better practice in the industry. It has now produced tables in alphabetical order showing which are the best buys and which are the worst.

The result is a broad mix, with some of the better names and some rather more obscure ones featuring at either end of the spectrum. Some of the worst suggest what might be called the "ploughman's lunch" effect; a ploughman's lunch, in marketing parlance, is an invented and bogus tradition, and many bad performers seem to have names that could have been deliberately coined to suggest some spurious reputation for long-enduring

The point is not where the names feature today, it is where they will be next year, when investors will be able to judge relative performance. There is only one thing worse than being named as most expensive provider this year, and that is

ending the year in the same slot.

### Wringing of hands over rail sell-off

☐ THIS column has never been a friend of the two remaining big privatisations, nuclear and rail. the fag-end of a process that was admirably successful in the 1980s but should by now have been stubbed out.

News that Railtrack is being touted heavily at the private investor suggests the Treasury may get an even worse price for it than had been feared. But by its apparent indecision the Labour Party is doing its best to lower that figure further, and so de-prive the taxpayer of revenue. If Labour is against the pro-

cess, it could stop the sale of Railtrack or any other part of the railways in its, so to speak, tracks. Labour could commit itself to renationalising any such assets, so making them effectively and instantly unsaleable. If the Government were to go ahead anyway at rock-bottom prices, buyers, whether the pub-lic. City or trade purchasers, would know they could lose those assets if the next election goes against the Tories. They could not then complain.

If Labour wants to avoid the dread R word - the party is not on the record as wanting to renationalise anything, of course - then there are any number of half-way measures with the same effect. A promise to bring an Act of Parliament preventing the payment of dividends, or one introducing a levy on the busi-ness exactly the same size as

those proposed dividends, for example, would make Railtrack worthless to prospective buyers. But by standing on the trackside wringing its hands, Labour is merely forcing down the price at which the sale takes place.

### Working wage

THE ultimate in fat cattery comes from the secretary who, according to a Reed survey, is looking for a salary of £2 billion in 20%. The average wage now will buy a top of the range saloon car. Compound growth rates of 5 per cent a year would push this into areas undreamt of by the privatised utilities themselves. never mind their bosses - by which time such sums will just about buy a good family car.

# **Bridon** shares hit by warning

By Alasdair Murray

BRIDON, the wire and wire rope manufacturer. gave a warning yesterday that profits would fall short of the previous year's £10 million because of unanticipated difficulties in its foreign markets.

Shares fell 145p to 1042p, their lowest point for more than a year, as the City reacted negatively to the statement, which follows bullish comments made at the interim stage

last August.
Bridon blamed the profits warning on a signifi-cant reduction in profit-ability at its US subsidiary, Bridon Cordage, which was forced to match price cuts initiated by a competitor and losses at the Australian division, Birkmyre, owing to poor

The company added that delays in the completion of a major bridge project and deferral of delivery of certain crane rope and wire products into 1996 would also hit profits for 1995.

It also said that benefits from the group's manufacturing investment pro-gramme would not show through this year but will impact fully in 1996. Ronald Petersen, chief

executive, said that he was confident Bridon would meet expectations for 1996 and that the company still intends to pay a 10 per cent increase in the dividend for 1995.

The £6 million acquisition of the German wire manufacturer, Schalkeseil, will also help performance in 1996, while distribution activities continue to perform in line with expecta-

Gearing has been re-duced to 30 per cent through the £25 million rights issue in August, and should be maintained. Bridon has been revitalised since Mr Pertesen took over two years ago and launched a £25 milfion restructuring programme, moving back into the black in 1994. Tempus, page 26



Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn EMI chairman, believes a demerger of the music and rentals businesses would be in the best interests of shareholders which has been long been

# Thorn EMI likely to announce demerger soon

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

AN ANNOUNCEMENT is expected soon on the desnerger of Thorn EMI, the music and rentals business, although the move has not yet been officially ratified by the board.

Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, confirmed recently that demerger plans were on schedule\_

A spokesman for the company said yesterday that an announcement was expected early in the year and that current discussions included complex tax issues raised by the separation of the music and rentals businesses. Twenty eight tax offices

deal with the various operating companies within Thorn. Development of the businesses is continuing in spite of the expected demerger.

heralded by the City and which Sir Colin admitted last summer would be in the best interests of shareholders. The US operation of Thorn

programme of rental centres. Yesterday, it completed the purchases of two franchised businesses in a deal that, together with a large stock purchase, was worth £66 million. Thorn Americas, which op-

EMI is pursuing a buy-up

erates the largest rental-purchase business in North America, aims to buy 59 more stores in the Rent-A-Center range that are now run on a franchise basis.

Thorn operates 1,232 Rent-A-Center stores in the US, including the franchise businesses it is looking to buy.

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# Westinghouse sells defence division to reduce CBS debt

By Eric Reguly

THE rapid consolidation of the American defence industry continued yesterday with the sale of Westinghouse's defence and electronics business to Northrop Grumman for \$3.6

Westinghouse said the sale will allow it to pay down 65 per cent of the \$5.4 billion debt it took on last year to acquire CBS, one of the three largest television networks, from the billionaire Tisch family.

The defence sale caps a remarkable transformation at Westinghouse. Over the past two decades, it has sold virtually all the products, including refrigerators, toasters, light bulbs and lifts, that it was best known for. Before the CBS purchase, its largest business was electricity generation systems such as nuclear reactors. With CBS in its portfolio and defence gone, broadcasting will account for about 45 per cent of Westinghouse's sales of \$10

billion and two-thirds of its

earnings before taxes and in-

terest. Westinghouse shares rose \$1 to just above \$18 after the sale was announced. Analysts said Northrop Grumman paid more than expected. The company is assuming \$600 million in debt, raising the transaction's total value to \$3.6 billion.

Westinghouse's defence business is a large supplier of electronic systems. It produces radar and electronics for combat aircraft, including the F-16

fighter, the B-1B bomber and the C-30 transport. It also supplies air-traffic control radar to the Federal Aviation Northrop Grumman, based

in Los Angeles, is one of America's largest defence contractors and was formed in 1994, when Northrop bought Grumman. Later that year, the Vought Aircraft Company was added to the group. Northrop Grumman products range from information systems to surveillance aircraft.

Kent Kresa, chairman and chief executive, said: "This transaction will meld into one company a growing number of high technology and high priority defence and electronics systems that are expected to be in great demand in the coming years."

The purchase leaves more detence businesses in the hands of fewer and fewer

companies. The consolidation has left Northrop Grumman, Boeing, McDonnell Douglas and Lockheed Martin, which was formed recently by the merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta, as the leading players in the industry. Defence industry consolida-

tion is occuring in Europe, but at a slower pace. The biggest example was last year's merger of GEC and VSEL, the submarine maker.

# Geest put forward as target for Hillsdown

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS. the food group staging a £121 million takeover, is seeking another European target. Rumours yesterday said that the group is considering

making an offer for Geest, the salad, pizza and sauces group. A spokesman for Hillsdown said that it never commented

on market speculation. "Since we sold our stake in Maple Leaf last year we have been rumoured to be buying just about everything under the sun." he said.

Hillsdown, whose brands include Typhoo Tea and Hartley's jam, has been seek-

By Sarah Bagnall ing takeover targets since last April, when it raised £300

million from selling its hold-ing in Maple Leaf.
Last month, it announced the £121 million purchase of Hobson, supplier to the Co-op and maker of own-label food and drink. The first offer

closes on Friday. Geest's sale, last week, of its banana business is seen as making it an attractive takeover candidate, and analysts value it at about £150 million.

helped by its £60 million cash. The rumours lifted Geest shares 5p, to 193p. Hillsdown shares slipped lp, to 169p.

# **Deal lifts Biocompatibles**

International, the biotechnology and materials company, rose 35p to 510p yesterday after a marketing agreement with Sorin Biomedica, an Italian medical products com-

SHARES in Biocompatibles the human body. pany. The shares were placed

corporeal medical devices for heart-bypass operations, will use Biocompatible's proprietary phosphorycholine (pc) material to coat cannulae, hollowed tubes inserted into

The agreement is for an initial five years. Dideco, a Sorin subsidiary, and its affili-Sorin, which makes extra- ates will market, and pay

incorporating pc in all mar-kets, except America and Canada. An agreement for these markets is being considered.

This is the first commercial result of a two-year pact be-tween Biocompatibles and Sorin to find applications for pc coatings in Dideco's devices for

cardio-pulmonary procedures.

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# PIA survey fuels commissions row

By Robert Miller

on the stock market at 170p in

April (Martin Barrow writes).

THE debate over the huge commissions and costs associated with longterm investments such as personal pensions and endowment-linked mortgages will become even more intense as a result of the new league tables published yesterday by the Personal Investment Authority (see Pennington

In its report Life Assurance Disclosure: One Year On, the PIA has taken publicly available information, which all life offices must declare to investors on their key features documents, and tabulated it. Four types of product that the PIA considers to be "broadly

representative" for savings, mortgage repayment, personal pensions and life assurance protection are covered.

The regulator then looked at the

three sales channels: independent financial advisers (IFAs), appointed company representatives who sell on

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- to £476 for IFAs. The life offices argue that there are considerable costs involved in setting up a policy and that over the full term these expenses will average out. However, the PIA tables show that even over a five-year period very considerable sums can be

With a straightforward 10-year endownent savings plans, for example, the five-year actual deductions often exceed £1,000. With 25-year low-cost endowment policies only a handful of companies deduct less than £1,000, while at least 10 life offices are taking

away more than £2,000. The report also indicates how much the expenses are likely to damage investment payouts. Reductions in yields of up 8.2 per cent are reported. In such cases the policy would have to make investment gains averaging more than 8.2 per cent to make any

profit over the 10-year policy.





# Bulls charge to push index through 3,700

their shaky start to the new year and surged into record territory after a 64-point over night jump on Wall Street helped to propel the FT-SE 100 index through the 3,700 level

The City put domestic political worries about an early general election on ice for the time being. Sentiment was pound, hopes of another interest rate cut and a premium on the March futures contract. which in turn spilled over into the cash market.

Shares were squeezed higher from the start, but a positive start on Wall Street helped to bolster sentiment further in late London trading.

The FT-SE 100 index touched a new intra-day trading high of 3,719.8, before of 3.715.h. Volume reached only 638 million shares at the official close, but swelled to 731 million after the close.

There were widespread gains amid an absence of sellers. However, water stocks failed to join in the fun. sinking on the back of fears that Ofwat, the water industry regulator, may push back the compensation boundaries to include burst pipes.

Ofwat has said that water companies would be liable to ers with interrupted supply. With the supply problems still affecting thousands of people, especially in northern England, fears heightened that compensation payments will hit the water companies' profits, depressing the sector.

United Utilities, the newly combined North West Water and Norweb, lost 15p to 594p. Severn Trent 10p to 672p. Northumbrian Water, 12p to £11.60½, South West Water. 5p to 5l6p. **Southern**, 13p to 67lp. **Welsh**, 11p to 748p. Yorkshire. 4p to 594p and Anglian Water, 12p to 589p. Thames, depressed by negative noises from Société Générale Strauss Turnbull,

dipped 5p to 549p. Elsewhere, ICI stood out 32p jump to 797p after James stock, changed its recommendation from a sell to a hold. and American demand for the stock. The broker, which has been a seller of ICI since its demerger from Zeneca, said ICI is back to a favourable level after underperforming in

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE



Water company shares sank in a rising market

the 30 months since the demerger in June 1993. Capel added that ICI underperformed by about 14 per cent last year and its new recommendation fairly re-

flects current expectations. Zeneca added 11p to £12.63. Rexam, tipped as a recovery

stock, was the leading FT-SE constituent, adding 19p to 379p. or 5.3 per cent. while

dead. Granada has until January 9 to increase its bid, with the closing date for the offer on January 23.

Dealers said Granada will probably have to increase its terms by about 15 per cent. to 375p for each Forte share, to be sure of success, otherwise Forte may just about wriggle off the hook". Forte was unchanged at 343p, while

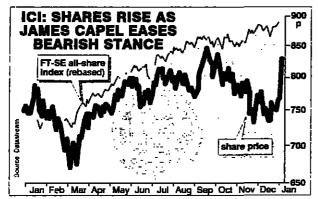
Thorn EMI, which made two US acquisitions for £66 million, rose 25p to £15.38 after positive comments from Kleinwort Benson and Merrill Lynch. Both brokers placed the shares on their buy lists, with Merrill suggesting that the stock will be worth £19 a share after the proposed demerger of its music and rentals businesses.

American demand helped Reuters climb 15p to 602p.

On the bid front, Granada. the television to leisure group, faces pressure to raise its hostile £3.3 billion bid for Forte in the wake of a punchy defence strategy from Britain's largest hotel group. Traders said that if Granada does not come back with a higher offer in the next 48 hours, people will more or less say the bid is Granada added 75p to

649<sup>1</sup>2 p. Savoy "A" shares fell 108p to 940p as traders reacted to Forte's bid defence distriburion plans, which may scupper bid hopes if the shares are not sold to one party. Forte owns 68 per cent of Savoy's "A" shares, but controls only 42 per cent of the voting rights. The insurance sector contin-

ued to be buoyed by bid



speculation, with Sedgwick Group up 2p to 129p, Willis Corroon 4p to 150p and Refuge Group 19p to 474p. Among composites. General Accident gained 17p to 659p. Commercial Union 2p to 622p and Royal Insurance 10p to

Takeover speculation also fuelled rises in Lloyds Chemists, up 10p to 270p, and Royal Bank of Scotland, up op to 588p. Monument Oil & Gas held steady at 584 p in spite of whispers that one of the majors may be interested.

Among banks, evidence of switching saw Lloyds TSB add 6p to 325p, on heavy volume of 15.3 million shares. while Barclays, boosted by a broker recommendation. gained 20p to 778p, on volume of 3.5 million. Strong overnight gains in Hong Kong helped HSBC to rise 22p to £10.27½ and Standard Chartered 16p to 577p, on volume of

five million shares. Ladbroke, the betting to leisure group, which has been the subject of recent bid speculation, firmed 2p to 158p, for a two-day gain of 12p. Bass, tipped as a possible bidder for Ladbroke, climbed 6p to 725p, while Vaux, which has also been rumoured as a bid target for Bass, held steady at 270p. Housebuilders were in de-

mand as interest rate cut hopes combined with the latest survey from the Halifax Building Society showing an improvement in house prices. Barratt advanced 11p to 258p. Bellway 8p to 268p. Beazer 2p to 180p. Redrow 72p to 1422 p. Persimmon op to 211p. Wainhomes 5p to 105p. Wilson Connolly 5p to 172p and George Wimpey 2p to 144p. GILT-EDGED: Weaker US bonds dented a gilt market already hit by a higher-thanexpected December purchasing managers index and continued political concerns. Shorts suffered again, with a further flattening in the short end of the yield curve. This

dated stock. The March long gilt future volume of 40.000 contracts. Among conventional stocks. five-year issues fell by about £5/16. while longer-dated issues lost between £3 and £2.

NEW YORK: Wall Street shares retreated from earlier highs and at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 19.15 points higher at 5.196.60.

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The outlook for the next

# **TEMPUS**

# Old ones are the best

have given EMI a huge boost recently with the huge selling Anthology double album. Although few groups offer earnings longevity in these techno-music times EMI is achieving creditable growth, especially in Europe.

If enough interest is sustained in the Beatles for another release from the archives the chances are that the company releasing it will not be under the same ownership.

Much of the recent share price rise of EMI's parent company Thorn-EMI has been driven by demerger hopes rather than trading performance. Thorn-EMI is committed to er although it still has a rubberboardroom meeting and the me-sort out. After the split, which could e spring, the hounds are likely to

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Thorn's rental business is the less glamorous and less profitable half. It has been honed by the abandonment of the Rumbelows chain. Internationally, the rental-to-purchase market shows more promise with the company keen to target developing countries where the potential interest in technology is high. Forays into furniture rental in the UK have produced pleasant results and if the culture of buying

were to wane, more would be in prospect.

Thorn-EMI shares will continue to climb as demerger anticipation sharpens but at present they still represent fairly good value.

ground it has lost in the cider

market, where despite its recent problems, it is Brit-

ain's third player behind Taunton Cider and HP

Bulmer. A trading link with

### down

OLDERS should of Merrydown's rm closer links to even though the lemonade from launched on an ng British public rt of a vintage has given Merrydown a new lease of

Two Dogs played an important, although unquanti-fied, part in restoring Merrydown to profitability in the first half. But where Two Dogs goes from here is difficult to say. Having defined a new market, it now faces competition from rival brands such as Hoopers Hooch, from Bass. Winter sales are likely to be negligi-ble and only time will tell whether drinkers will rediscover their love affair with

alcoholic lemonade next

summer or move on to the next fad. In addition, there is growing hostility from pressure groups and politicians to the branding of an alcoholic drink as lemonade.

Two Dogs itself, launched just two years ago, is to seek a stock market listing in Australia.

Merrydown should be re-

doubling efforts to recover

Whitbread, put in place earlier in the current financial year, should provide benefits

in the next 12 months and serve as a platform to rebuild margins in the core business.

**HEADY BREW** Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

### Bridon

SHAREHOLDERS in Bridon, the wire manufacturing company, received an unhappy new year's mess-age. The profits warning was something of a shock after the bullish noises being made as recently as August, but it looks to be more of a temporary setback.

Harsh competition from Exxon. Bridon's main competitor in the baler twine market in the US, forced a 10point cut in margins during the first part of winter. Exxon was repeating a price-cutting tactic that hurt Bridon a few years ago, but the company is fitter now, maintained its market share, and should

material prices next year. The continued problems at Birkmyre, its Australian texready earmarked for disposal and Bridon has installed a new young management.

DOLLAR RATES

tion market, and Bridon should continue to grow.

financial year is positive

apart from the continuing

problems in the UK construc-

New buyers may be discouraged by the price, but existing shareholders should not jump ship yet. Markets

IT IS pleasing to see the markets continuing the early part of 1996 the way they finished off 1995 - at record levels on both sides of the Atlantic. As one analysts crooned vesterday: "Interest rates are headed down, Wall Street is up and the world looks a wonderful place." Another broker enthused

would boost European and American stock markets in the first half of the year and tile subsidiary, are more that a resurgence of growth deepseated. Birkmyre is alwould help markets in the second half.

Yesterday's optimists reck-on that the British market had priced in a full recession

for the first part of 1996, but now reckon that it won't happen. The optimists also pointed to a marked resilience by the pound in spite of a further shrinking of the Government's majority over the weekend.

Those armed with longer memories and a more cautious disposition noted that whatever the Government has forecast for growth in 1996, the average forecast for profits growth by individual companies has been cut from double-digit figures to about 8 or 9 per cent. The evidence from the cyclical companies. such as chemicals that move up and down in line with the

economy, has not been good. One broker at least was not ter of people getting money into the market and reorganising portfolios at the start of the year. It will be more interesting to see what hap-pens next week. That's when the test will come."

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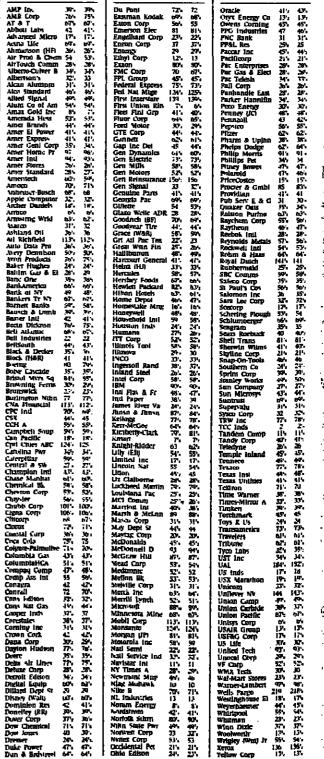
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# Last of the

**Summer wine** THE legendary wine consultant David Russell, a cousin of the Duke of Bedford and a grand and lively octogenarian, just cannot keep his feet away

from the grapes. He counts Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, owner of the famed Chateau Mouton estate near Bordeaux, among his clients, and it was only last year that he retired after 23 years as a consultant to Krug, the world's most famous

Champagne house. Clearly life without the grape does not suit him. Russell, who once played two seasons with the Royal Shakespeare Company ("I was the first murderer in Macbeth"), has bought a 14-acre vineyard near Bat-

tle. East Sussex. The vineyard is well established and produces English wine, which isn't too bad. It's all a bit of fun." says Russell. And what does the Baroness think about it all? "I've told her she faces some stiff competition," he chuckles.

### Birthday bid

WHAT is it about the Granada-Forte bid and birthdays? Gerry Robin-son slapped Granada's bid on the Forte table just in time to ruin Lord Forte's 87th birthday last November. Sir Rocco's birthday — February 22 - falls in the middle of Chinese new year celebrations to mark the year of the rat And Robinson's birth year of 1948 makes him a rat year baby. They I'm told, always get what they want Is this an omen?

ASKED "who do you think is most likely to be your boss in the next Millennium?". 53 per cent of respondents to a survey for Reed Personnel Services felt this man. 34 per cent a woman, and 12 per cent a robot.



"I wish to report yet another burst pipe ..."

# Tree trouble?

THE Corporation of London wants to make sure that residents and businesses avoid bad luck in 1996. The corporation is willing, until January 31, to put old Christmas trees through its shredder at Highgate Wood, Muswell Hill, as a public service. The material will cither be spread through the wood, or you can take it back home as mulch for your garden.

# Truck collision

THE Fork Truck Hire Association changed its name to the Fork Truck Association on January I, and with inspired imagination plans to use the acronym FTA. But hold on, FTA is otherwise known and loved as the acronym for the Freight Transport Association, which has been around for many years and whose beefy truck drivers promise to defend their three letters with vigour.

# **Booby prize**

ENTRANTS in a prestigious new writing competition on the future of Europe may be tempted to vent their spleen on the drift to federalism when they see the prize. The winner of the Philip Morris Institute competition will receive 15,000 ecus as

COLIN CAMPBELL

# ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Britain appears good bet to dispel air of predictability

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1996

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Higher levels of disposable income should aid return of 'feel-good'

ad I been properly trained at journalism school, the next two sentences could never have been written. I find myself with little of interest to say about the outlook for the world economy and the financial markets. The most surprising thing about 1995 was the absence of big surprises - and the same is likely to be true of 1996.

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None of the main economies enters the new year in a state of extreme disequilibrium although Japan, as usual. comes close. There is no government or central bank with policies so obviously perverse that they are bound to be abandoned - although the French, as usual, come close. And none of the financial markets seems too badly out of line with the fundamentals although the stockbroking salesmen are, as usual, predicting a crash on Wall Street and a surge in Tokyo and the Far East.

The easiest prediction, then. is one that is hardly worth making: more of the same. Such is the unhappy lot of the economic seer in the middle of a long business cycle.

Where, then, might we expect the unexpected in 1996? In terms of overall economic performance I would suggest Britain, where I think conditions will turn out surprisingly benign, in currency markets, my picks this year are secondary markets - the French franc and the pound. This is because I remain fundamentally bullish about the dollar. but have my doubts about whether it can make much headway against the mark pean Monetary Union is finally resolved.

In search of investment surprises I will stick to the market I correctly picked last year and which has already spectacularly outperformed all others: Wall Street, I will add a new warning on the British fund managers' perennial favourites: Japan and the Far East. This stance has the attraction of putting me directly at odds with the City consensus. According to the monthly Merrill Lynch survey of British fund managers, bulls on Japan outnumber bears by a near-record 78 percentage points; when it comes to Wall Street, by contrast, bears outnumber

buils by 16 points. First, the British economy. With public spending overshooting and interest rates likely to fall to 6 per cent after dismal final figures for 1995 are announced in February, growth this year should exceed 3 per cent when measured between the fourth quarters of 1995 and 1996. More contentiously I believe that the widespread pessimism about the

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> outlook for consumption, jobs and housing will soon start to back in marks. As a result, the French economy will slide into As the first chart suggests,

the "feel-bad" factor last year could largely be explained by the extraordinary weakness of personal disposable income (PDI), or cash take-home pay: 1994 saw the smallest increase in PDI since the 1940s. For homeowners with large mortgages PDI is what counts and on this measure they fared worse in 1994 and 1995 than in any year of recession.

But this year disposable income should grow by 5 per cent or more. This will improve consumer confidence and boost housing - where

attractive as the secand chart shows. I would expect the increase in house prices to be nearer 10 per cent than the 2 or per cent most experts predict.

While Britain will do surprisingly well. the world economy as a whole will put in another

disappointing performance, with strength in America offset by slow recoveries in Japan and Germany and an outright recession in France. This combined with the growing signs that a Labour victory has now been thoroughly discounted (the economic revival is unlikely to do John Major much good) - is what makes

me bullish about the pound. Turning to the world of finance, I think that bond markets will be disappointed at the limited scope for further monetary easing, especially in Germany where wage pressures remain intense and taxes are being cut. In addition, the threat of EMU will put a surprisingly high floor under Germany's long-term interest

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suffer a string of further crises. The upshot will be an unstable time in all European financial markets and a flow of funds into the safe havens of American and British assets. The impact on currencies. however, may initially be perverse, with the mark gaining from the European tensions because it always has in the past. A strong mark, in turn, will mean another disastrous year for German industry. The complacency, self-

recession and the franc will

# **6** I believe that pessimism about the outlook for consumption, housing and jobs will start to lift 9

righteousness and denial of

Japan in the early 1990s have found a new home in Germany for the second half of the decade.

In the end, I expect a compromise to be cobbled together, allowing the French to join EMU after a devaluation with the Maastricht criteria watered down. This would, of course, be disastrous for the mark and for German financial assets. If, on the other hand, the EMU project did founder, the mark would initially strengthen, but the franc would collapse. Hence my preference for dollar-Paris as

an each-way bet. Speaking of gambling, let us turn to Wall Street. Although Wall Street rose more than 30 per cent in 1995, this rapid ascent does not necessarily

bullish arguments for America I outlined last year are still treated with scepticism bordering on derision, especially by the big international fund managers in London and

Edinburgh. the dollar re-Secondly. mains weak, confirming that foreigners have not yet caught the Wall Street bug, while Americans have been overcommitted to foreign investment. Finally, the valuations on Wall Street are only slightly above average and well below top-of-the-market extremes. Heavy industry stocks, which have seen some of America's most spectacular productivity

ularly cheap. The low dividend yields often quoted by sceptical British analysts are irrelevant in a market where cash is distributed by share buybacks and takeovers, rather than dividends.

Of course this bull market will end - and probably with a crash. But the climax is not yet at hand. The coming year is more likely to see a period of consolidation followed by another big surge accompanied by a stronger dollar, as interest rates stop falling and growth accelerates: a situation reminiscent of late 986 rather than 1987.

While accelerating economic growth is seen as bad for shares in America and Britain. it is universally considered bullish in Japan and the Far East. That is fair enough since Japan is in a much earlier phase of its economic cycle, although why anyone should be bullish about countries like Malaysia and Thailand, with Mexican-style current account deficits, is beyond me.

**BUSINESS LETTERS** 

Analysts who say that Tokyo at half its pre-crash levels a once-in-a-lifetime bargain forget how much permanent damage has been done by the slump of the past five years and the economic mismanage

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ment of 1995. A year ago I was moderately bullish about Japan — but that was because I expected the yen to fall sharply and the economy to recover in 1995. Instead, the Japanese bureaucrats committed economic hara-kiri by allowing the yen to jump 20 per cent. Today the dollar is still worth only a little more than Y100.

Until the yen has spent a year or more at around Y120. Japan regaining the 4 per cent growth rates that would justify Nikkei index much above 20,000. And to get the yen down to such levels Japan must keep its capital relentlessly flowing outwards.

Worse still is the news from the Japanese bond market, where ten-year bonds now pay only 2.5 per cent. This is in a country that now has a fiscal deficit of Italianate proportions, a national commitment to devaluation and the worst demographics in the world.

The Tokyo bond market is the next Japanese financial accident waiting to happen. So far it has defied all bearish predictions (mine included) because of the Japanese economy's feeble performance. But once the economy does start recovering (perhaps by the second half of this year). Japanese bonds will collapse, taxes will have to be raised and the currency will nosedive: hardly an environment conducive to a roaring bull market.

Perhaps, after all, British fund managers are in for a surprise.

# Flexible friends have withstood the test of time

Robert Miller looks at the continuing evolution of the 30-year-old credit card

The January sales are well under way -Harrods started yesterday - and credit cards are much in evidence. Barclaycard can look back with some satisfaction at the way it has changed our spending habits since its introduction

However, there will be little chance to celebrate over the next few days. This is one of the busiest times of the year for fraudsters, and Barclaycard, together with its competitors, is braced for the inevitable rash of card thefts, on which the average spent by fraudsters on each

In spite of the fact that 40 per cent of adults now hold a credit card, and spend an average of £1.100 every year, the dawn of a cashless society is not yet upon us. nor is it likely to be.

The latest research, published last week by Apacs (the Association for Payment Clearing Services). shows that when it comes to meeting regular commitments, such as gym membership or magazine subscriptions, younger people aged between 18 and 24 rely heavily on cash while older people prefer cheques. Furthermore, the number of withdrawals from 20,000 eash machines nationwide easily tops one billion, and the sums involved total nearly £6 billion. Some 80 per cent of all payments are still made with cash.

Nevertheless, the 83 million plastic debit, credit or charge cards in circulation have revolutionised the way we live now and the way in which we are likely to do business in the future. Barclaycard, for example, recently became the first credit card company to go onto the

Bob Potts, chief executive of Barclaycard, says: "When we began in business our credit card was simply a replacement for a cheque. and transactions, which numbered a few hundred thousand, were paper based. Nowadays credit cards are sophisticated payment and budgeting tools, with 95 per cent of the hundreds of millions of transactions made every year being han-

dled electronically." Travel and hotels are the items which occur most frequently on credit card transactions, according to the Credit Card Research Group (CCRG). The CCRG action value on a credit card is £44.57 against £27.70 for debit cards. Against that, the average travel spend on credit cards is £143.29, with

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hotels about £100.

Until 1989. cardholders who paid off their cards in full every month enjoyed totally free credit terms. Since then, most providers have introduced annual fees, which now average around £12 Goldcard holders can pay up to £90 a year. but then they often have access to a £10,000 overdraft facility at preferential rates.

Potts points out that cardholders are now wooed with a range of additional benefits, such as free insurance, international rescue facilities, access to legal advice or Barclaycard's Profile loyalty scheme and NatWest's Access Air Miles link.

Fighting plastic card fraud has been, and continues to be, a very expensive business, and not just confined to the New Year holiday and sales period. However, the hundreds of millions of pounds poured in to fighting card fraud is beginning to pay dividends. In 1994, the level of fraud fell for the third consecutive year by 25 per cent to £97 million, of which some £44 million was down to credit cards. Back in 1991, Apacs predicted that annual card fraud losses would be £250

Otts, who says that one in three applicants is rejected by Barclaycard, believes that the electronic and information superhighways will provide major business opportunities in the future and certainly enough to boost the £1.137 spent every second with a credit card. He says: "There will be an explosion in opportunities, from buying goods and services to paying for films and plugging into television networks."

The security of such networks is never 100 per cent guaranteed, admits Potts, but with all the additional measures taken by card nroviders, the opportunities for fraud are becoming

As Barclaycard gears up to celebrate its official 30th birthday on June 29, it can reflect on the fact that its credit card is now accepted in ten million outlets around the world. Not bad for a business that started in a disused Northampton shoe factory in 1966.



Bargain-hunters at Harrods sale vesterday

# Companies should be encouraged to boycott Barings until abandoned shareholders receive reimbursement

From J. L. K. Irvine Sir, The headline in The Times (December 29) - "Barings shoots to top of table for City - requires some deals" comment.

The companies which patronised Barings in 1995 should bear in mind that this company walked away from its obligations to preference shareholders and £100 million of loan stock issued shortly before its collapse. These obligations were in large measure held by extremely elderly people on very restricted incomes who were desperately trying to hold on to their own homes or to pay the fees of old people's homes.

Yet the executives of Barings, far from trying to meet these obligations, preferred to continue to award themselves monstrous salaries and bonuses.

Admittedly this was apparently done with the knowledge of the administrators, but is no less reprehensive for that. The behaviour of the bank is

inconsistent with its outstand-

ing reputation for integrity and its high standard of ethics - now sadly dissipated.

Those of us who believe that the Barings shareholders should not have been so callously abandoned are bringing all the pressure we can to bring Barings to discharge its moral obligations. It would be helpful if those companies which continue to patronise it were to make their support conditional or the immediate settlement of all such obligations. If ING were to find that it

had purchased four walls and little else, they would soon see to it that Barings lived up to its reputation for integrity. To those who seriously

believe that they are still dealing with the old blueblooded Barings which has been so long admired and respected in the City, it would be worth bearing in mind that Barings no longer exists except in name. The company is called ING

and it is Dutch. Let us hope

that this year's headline reads

"Companies boycott Barings until shareholders are

Yours faithfully. J. L. K. IRVINE. Gooserve Orchard Gate, Needham Market, Ipswich.

# Banks' smart move

From Mr Thom Willows Sir. I quote from the smart card article of January 2: "... from this spring, cardholders will have to pay for the service."

2. "The banks and building societies would like Mondex to succeed because it costs them billions of pounds a year to handle cash." Once again the banks wish the customer to pay for some-

thing which will save the banks money. Yours faithfully, THOM WILLOWS. 35 The Rough Newick. Lewes, East Sussex.

# Investment trusts' costs are no secret

From the Director-General of the Association of Investment Trust Companies

Sir, Readers of Robert Miller's and Pennington's comment (December 21) on our response to the Personal Investment Authority's consultative docu-ment on disclosure could easily gain the impression that the Association of Investment Trust Companies and the PIA are at loggerheads over the introduction of the disclosure of charges and expenses.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. AITC has always supported the introduction of a clear and effective disclosure regime for non-life investment products so that private investors are better able to compare and understand the competing products which are available to them.

We have had, and continue to have, mutually helpful discussions with the PIA on the drafting of rules and guidance on the subject. Among many other points made in those discussions, we have said that adequate time should be allowed between finalising the requirements and expecting

everyone to be able to comply

We suggested a period of 12 months, partly to allow imro, which regulates large numbers of investment trust savings and personal equity plan schemes, to introduce its own rules at the same time as the PIA. It would clearly be absurd for comparable rules to be introduced at different times.

All investment trust companies detail their launch costs in their prospectus, and their running costs in their annual reports, and the costs associated with the Pep and savings schemes are spelt out in the application packs and in AlTC's own publications. So there is no debate about whether they should disclose charges, because they have always done so: rather, we are working constructively with the PIA to ensure that the rules and guidance are correct and helpful to potential investors. Yours faithfully. ERNEST J. FENTON.

Association of Investment Trust Companies. 8-13 Chiswell Street, ECI.

### Currency question stirs memories From Mrs M. McAlpine

Sir, In reading recent letters concerning The Strand and Lyons Corner Houses, etc., 1 give the following.

During a meal with my family in Lyons Corner House in the early 1950s, a favourite eating place for our children tthe equivalent of the present day McDonald's) I was left with mixed feelings. My husband was approached by a very troubled waitness, who seemed to imply that he had tendered foreign money. This resulted in repeated trips to

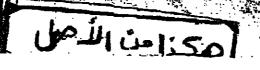
the cashier, causing a source of interest to all around. Eventually she was assured that he had tendered a Scottish half crown. I met our Euro MP in my town the other day, smiling

reason, she exclaimed: "I have just had my Scottish £10 note queried as illegal tender". So much for the age of progress. Yours faithfully.

broadly. On my inquiring the

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# **ACCOUNTANCY**

# Measure for measure

Plans to improve financial reporting

may be at risk, says David Cairns

The Accounting Stan-dards Board has frequently emphasised its support for international harmonisation, but recent developments would undermine its efforts to improve financial reporting in the UK. The possibility arises in the board's discussion paper on provisions. The board has proposed that provisions should be measured at the best estimate of the expenditure that will be incurred. When it is possible to estimate only a range, and no amount in that range is a better estimate than any other. the board proposes that a provision should be recognised for at least the minimum

amount in the range. The board's measurement proposals are simple, sensible and pragmatic and are likely to prove acceptable to companies. They have the support of other standard-setting bodies and follow the requirements of the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) in IAS 10. In these circumstances, we appear to have the best of all worlds - good accounting with simple rules, acceptability and international harmonisation.

Unfortunately, the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) believes that the measurement guidance in IAS 10, which is

the same as that proposed by the board, would lead to substantial non-comparability. Some of its members would prefer the different requirements in US GAAP, which were developed more than 20 years ago. As a result. IOSCO has rejected IAS 10 for the purposes of its core standards for companies wishing to list their securities on foreign stock exchanges.

Consequently, IASC has committed itself to review IAS 10, a task that is a waste of scarce resources and which carries the risk that IASC will adopt different requirements from those favoured by the board.

The measurement guidance in IAS 10 is not the only area of disagreement. For example, IOSCO has rejected IASC's revised standard on research and development costs and indicated that it may accept accounting treatments on gov ernment grants not permitted by IASC, or the board. There are many areas on which IOSCO has accepted IASC's requirements, but some of these might cause problems for national standard-setting bodies. For example, IOSCO has agreed with IASC's requirements that goodwill should be capitalised and amortised over a maximum of 20



David Cairns defends the value of board's proposals

years, something which may not go down well in the UK. These problems are creating uncertainty for an increasing number of companies that use international accounting standards. They will also affect the standard-setting bodies as they come under pressure to accept what has been agreed

by IASC and IOSCO. For

example, the board may come under pressure from the Securities and Investments Board. the UK member of IOSCO, to accept IOSCO's favoured treatments on provisions, government grants and goodwill.

A better approach was spelt out 18 months ago by Edward Waitzer, chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission.

He argued that international regulators should be looking at whether IASC is properly constituted, whether its standards are subject to adequate due process, and whether comments on IASC proposals are carefully considered and taken into account. He suggested that IOSCO endorsement of international accounting standards should essentially be an endorsement of the processes by which IASC's standards are developed rather than of the individual technical positions taken.

Other regulators did not agree, but the proposals should be pursued. They place emphasis on due process and consultation rather than international negotiations on acceptability. They encourage IASC to work with standardsetting bodies, companies and others, on common improvements to financial reporting that are acceptable to a wide constituency rather than standards that may be acceptable only to securities regulators. They would also allow national standard-setting bodies to adopt improvements in financial reporting that are unfettered by the results of past international negotiations but which might form the basis for

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new international standards.

view of Ian Brindle, Price Waterhouse senior partner, that the partnership ethos promotes loyalty should look to the firm's own internal newspaper. There they would learn that the loyal Doug Scheu, head of the London office stationery department, has just retired after 44 years with the firm and that his father before

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# Ready for a year of living dangerously

IT IS that time of year again. The time when skill with which this is justified to a public people tell you earnestly that this will be a crucial year for the profession and that, once again, accountancy is at a crossroads. None of this is new. All it shows is that people care. When they cease to care, it will be time for accountants to try their hands at something else.

This year, it could well be the bureaucrats who find themselves in that position. The pro-posed merger between the English ICA and CIMA, the management accounting body, will go to the vote. It is the latest in a long line of efforts to rationalise the profession's ruling bodies. The last one to succeed was back in the days when Denis Compton was still scoring centuries at Lord's.

If this year's effort should fail, those running the various accounting bodies really will have to go back to the core tasks of providing member services and enhancing reputation rather than empire-building. They will just have to accept that they have been unequal to the task of convincing their

members that a better tomorrow will come from larger organisations. This is a pity. The European market beckons. The Anglo-Saxon tradition of more rather than fewer accountants could have been transplanted on the back of the expansion of multinationals into Europe.

If the merger fails, the accountancy bodies will have to plan for a future that may include some kind of securities and exchange commission, further marginalising their efforts. They have only themselves to blame. The concentration on initiatives that only bureaucrats could believe would succeed has alienated them from their memberships and also from

their most influential members, those in the large accounting firms.

The year should provide more than a few embarrassments for large firms. Existing litigation will rumble on. Even when smaller sums are negotiated in settlement, they will appear small only in relation to the original

projections.

This month will provide a key test of the profession's ability to argue its case. When KPMG reveals more of its financial figures than any firm has before, the public interest is likely to be keen. Partners' earnings, however hedged about with caveats about pension provision, will appear high. We are not

talking about just a few talented individuals,

but hundreds of high-earning partners. The

that yearns for more fat cats to blame will be a test of the profession's maturity.

It will be a difficult year on a wider front

when it comes to calculating key figures. The first accounts to be produced post-Greenbury will provoke wide debate. When the public realises the scale of future incomes being triggered by pension provisions, there will be uproar. The accountancy profession will again need to have good explanations ready. The furore will also bring the focus back on the second Cadbury committee. The "we will sit on our hands until we can see something worth doing" approach, which characterised the committee's launch last year, will look

increasingly complacent as the year unfolds.
The large firms will find themselves in difficulty with what ought to be their core service - audit. It seems extraordinarily short-sighted for firms to have to boost audit as their prime product. The insistence on playing down the importance of audit as the firms all

tumbled into the business of flogging short-term and highly priced additional services has come back to haunt them. Now they are desperately trying to tell clients that audits are wonderful and useful things. Clients hark back a few years to when audit fees were slashed, the value of audits disparaged, and brochures on unlikely services flooded finance directors' desks. With hindsight, UK firms have moved too close to the US model. Waves of frighteningly bright young accountants provide excellent short-term project assistance to clients. But this obscures and dilutes

the prime value of the profession. In this country, the answer to the question "what is an accountant for?" has never been: "Someone who

comes in to fix something which is broken." Accountants do provide that sort of service. But their prime value is advice. And that comes from experience and wisdom. Traditionally, that is what accountants are for. It holds true from the practitioner in Loamshire getting a farm's tax position straight to a senior partner giving the chairman of Allied Conglomerates the benefit of a prescient lunch. Toning down the current all-singing. all-dancing approach to a quieter advisory approach would do wonders for the profession. The added-value in the long term would not just be about success. It could also be about survival.

### Indirect, but to the point

OFFICIAL responses to consultation papers are among the dullest of documents. What they tend to lack is a good bit of outright rudeness. So we should all applaud the Institute of Indirect Taxation. When asked to respond to a Customs and Excise paper on its standards of service, the institute, under the vociferous care of Robert Maas, of Blackstone Franks, is. well, uncompromising. "Sending a written

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answer to your problems out

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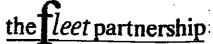
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FILM 1

A tense new thriller, Seven gives a sinister twist to the words "deadly sins"



**■ FILM 2** 

... but France's costliest film. The Horseman on the Roof. fails to match drama to spectacle





FILM 3 Adultery and

horse-breeding in the Deep South give us Something to Talk About



■ FILM 4

... but Quentin Tarantino and pals make a pig's ear of the compendium movie, Four Rooms

CINEMA: Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman and a darkness that glows with life make Seven a special thriller, says Geoff Brown

# See it before you go sinning

he last thing we need is another film about serial killers, but Seven goes about its grisly business with an off-beat panache that demands attention. Your nerves are set on edge by the credit sequence, a fancy affair of flickering names and scratched footage. And they stay on edge right to the end, while director David Fincher pursues the story through a metropolitan hell of perpetual darkness and rain. Even the office furniture is

The script, by neophyte writer Andrew Kevin Walker, follows a schematic path. Two cops, unwillingly teamed: one is weary and close to retirement (Morgan Freeman), the other is a young eager beaver (Brad Pitt). Their target is a serial killer who arranges his murders to illustrate the seven deadly sins. Sloth is a man tied to a bed, rotting to death over a year. Gluttony is someone forced to eat until he pops. The killer, you note, has a macabre sense of humour. So has the film, although the jokes never lighten the burden of a story that grows grimmer as the sins pile up.

Fincher's one previous film, Alien3, shared the same dingy colours and downbeat mood. But where that film stumbled over its tedious plot, Seven almost dances with vitality. Working closely with Darius Khondji, cameraman of Delicatessen, and Arthur Max, a designer with a rock concert background, Fincher creates the ultimate urban nightmare, where light scarcely penetrates the gloom and every image is framed off-centre.

Seven, though, would be a hollow achievement if its only virtues were pictorial. Even a serial killer thriller needs a touch of humanity; and while women in the story get short shrift, enough care is invested in the relationship between Freeman and Pitt that you never feel the film is stocked with robots. Freeman's veteran detective is a bruised soul who has supped too long on violence: while Pitt bounces around, eager for the fray. Odd couples have become a dreadful cliché in cop films, but this pairing works

The film earns points, too, for not letting audiences off the hook. Instead, they should stumble out with mixed feel-

Seven Odeon Leicester Square 18, 127 mins Off-beat serial killer drama

The Horseman on the Roof Lumiere, 15, 135 mins Dashing, but . . .

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to which fictional humanity can sink, but transfixed by the film like a rabbit frozen in a

car's headlights. At one point in The Horse-man on the Roof the subtitles shift from the bottom of the screen so as not to destroy the pretty image of three riders silhouetted against the horizon. Such thoughtfulness is rare in subtitles. Such prettiness is rare, too, especially in a film set during a cholera epidemic. True, the camera points at a crow picking at a corpse's eyeball, but the general effect of Jean-Paul Rappeneau's (see interview, below)

radiant enough to adorn an art gallery.
There are good reasons for this air of magnificence. When your most recent film is the award-winning Cyrano de Bergerac, you scarcely want to hide away and make some trifle for tuppence-ha penny. The Horseman, in fact, cost Fr176 million (£23 million), a national record. A sum like that brings the pomp and

circumstance of heritage cine-

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lumbering film is of images

of a literary classic, Jean Giono's novel Le Hussard sur le toit, first published in 1951. A fat budget, however, can-

vence, all tied to the coat-tails

not guarantee artistic success. As Olivier Martinez's 19th-century Italian hussar thunders through alleyways and olive groves, a fugitive from Austrian agents, British viewers may wonder when the film's story will settle down. Eventually the hussar gets up on the roof: Manosque, in Provence, has many roofs, and they prove a refuge when the citizens, fearful of cholera spreading, accuse Martinez of

infecting their well.

As in Cyrano, Rappeneau shows his skills as a choreog-rapher of swordfights and running crowds. Martinez, a relatively unknown actor, never approaches the Errol Flynn twinkle that his part demands, although the director provides valuable camouflage.

Then, 50 minutes in, Martinez falls through a skylight and finds Juliette Binoche, the Mona Lisa of French film actresses. Luckily her enigmatic smile belits her role as a noblewoman, suave among the grimaces of death. Companions in adversity, the two share improbable adventures, and the story belatedly finds a focus. Love grows, at least on Martinez's side; Binoche always holds back, as mysteri-

ous and secretive as a cat. As belits a national epic, The Horseman conjures up the colours, scents and sounds of 1830s Provence, baking in the sun. It expresses Giono's love of the soil. But pretty pictures are not everything, and as a big arthouse film for export The Horseman lacks oomph.

A major disappointment mething to Talk About should be exactly that, since the star is Julia Roberts, the script is by Callie Khouri, author of Thelma & Louise and the director is lasse Hallström, last seen stamping his whimsical style on What's Eating Gilbert Grape. Credentials, however, mean little when the matters the characters talk about rarely grab

your attention. We are down South in horse-breeding country. Roberts is a wife and horsewoman whose life comes unstuck when she spots her husband (Dennis Quaid) with a blonde in a red dress. Adjusting her feminist perspective to Southern patriarchal society.



Brad Pitt finds himself in a spot of trouble, playing a detective chasing a biblically inspired serial killer in David Fincher's excellent Seven

Khouri allows the acrimony to mellow, and wastes too much time with a horsy subplot of no interest. The players, admittedly, are well cast. Roberts and Kyra Sedgwick make convincing sisters, while Gena Rowlands and Robert Duvall were born to play Southern parents, trapped in tradition.

Few items on last year's festival circuit were as eagerly awaited as Four Rooms. Then the film appeared at Toronto. Red faces all round: Robert well, Allison Anders and the god Tarantino had given birth to a mirthless comedy. The movie, a compendium of stories unfolding over New Year's Eve in a Hollywood hotel, was sent back for cutting and reshooting. But no tinkering can hide the badness of Tim Roth's performance as the hotel's twitching bellhop, or make good jokes from juvenile nonsense. Tarantino's segment is interestingly shot in long, serpentine takes; but the strongest, or rather least worst, material comes from Rodriguez's story about a gangster's children reducing their room to a flaming hell-

Ate de Jong for cooking up this ghastly Europudding from Simone de Bezuvoir's novel about love and immortality. Tous les Hommes sont mortels. The talents of Britain, The Netherlands and France were put to work, along with the funds of Eurimages, the EU scheme from which Britain has announced its withdrawal. How nice it would be to cheer the film along. But the sight of Irene Jacob and Ste-

they are, which is why we

should try to forgive director

sense that no audience exists for this anywhere, make it impossible. Adventurous souls with four hours to spare should consider Lars von Trier's medical soap opera The Kingdom, a Danish TV production. The handheld, brown-tinted photography allows for none of the hyperbole expected from the director of Europa; instead, he aims at a nervous style aping TV realism. The film, blending satire and horror, would be more comfortably watched in

segments: but continuous

viewing makes you appreciate

The other important thing that happened with Cyrano was that I met Ezio Frigerio,

the production designer, and

his wife Franca Squarciapino,

who does the costumes. They

have a very Italian sense of

beauty and colour, and

through them I have discov-

ered a new pictorial means.

We compose a human picture.

We love to use movement - a

gesture with a hat or a trail of

to re-imagine the 17th century.

When we came to The Horse-

man we were looking for

another era to recreate, and we

found it in 19th-century Ro-

manticism. I am fascinated by

19th-century literature -Hugo, Balzac, Flaubert, Sten-

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film that would explain the

"A lot of film-makers have

Romantic moment in decors.

"In Cyrano we collaborated

man on the Roof.

hat would the Ox-bridge academics of the past have thought? Not only are the undergraduates of the country's most venerable, and venerated, institutes of learnphen Rea all at sea, and the ing being allowed to attend cinematic performances, they are even attending lectures on the topic and — thin end of

the wedge, no doubt - writing papers about it. While 30 other British universities now offer undergraduates the chance to spend three years discussing the relative merits of Tarantino, Tavernier and Co. Oxford and Cambridge have, until fairly recently, refused to take celluloid seriously.

The current academic year, however, has brought exams, lectures and screenings which suggest that, in its centenary year, the cinema is finally making strides towards acceptance alongside literature, music and art as a "proper" subject for study at the ancient seats of learning.

Oxford's English department has a Language. Film and the Media paper, and cinema scholar Ian Christie has just completed his first term at Magdalen College as the university's first visiting lecturer in film. His lectures on European cinema were accompanied by a season of eight films from the likes of Sergei Eisenstein and Ken Loach at the Phoenix Picture House, Last October, David Puttnam visited Oxford to deliver four public lectures

on the movie industry. Film is also attaining unprecedented status at Cambridge. In June. 20 final-year modern linguists will sit the inaugural Contemporary European Cinema paper. The exam focuses on 16 continental masterpieces, such as Godard's A Bout de Souffle, which are being shown in a six-month companion season at the Arts Even our oldest universities

Dons learn to love

are introducing

'film studies' writes Daniel

Rosenthal Cinema, Cambridge's only arthouse screen. The Cambridge English faculty, meanwhile, is approaching benefactors in search of the £1.5 million required to endow a chair in theatre, film

and television. Christie, who wrote last year's BBC2 series on early cinema, The Last Machine, feels the tentative acceptance of film at Oxbridge is "overdue, but very good news. Film has always been regarded at a much lower cultural level in England than in France or Italy. I hope that bringing in new exams, involving people like Putmam and linking up with the local

cinemas will help to raise film's profile. "If the medium is going to penetrate into high culture, then it needs recognition at Oxford and Cambridge; not because they are somehow better than other universities which aiready teach film, but because, when you are talking about cultural values, what happens at Oxbridge is

still very important." Margarita Stocker, who helped to design the Language. Film and the Media exam, hopes Oxford MPhil courses in film will be available soon. "Cinema has come of age in much the same way as literature did at the end of the last century," she says. "I don't think these develop ments could have happened in Oxford even ten years ago, but today, people are less

the movies by degrees likely to say: 'We watch films, we don't study them'.

"It may also be that with the dizzying pace of multi-media technological ad-vances, film is beginning to seem rather traditional, and therefore a more natural part of academic life."

Her views are echoed by David Forgacs, one of the men responsible for giving Cambridge language students the opportunity to study Pedro Almodovar and Wim Wenders alongside Cervantes and Goethe. "We needed to convince people that studying cinema constitutes serious academic work. not just sitting around watch-

ng movies," he says. Fundraising for the new chair in theatre, film and television is reported to be going well and, once a professor has been appointed, the previously unthinkable prospect of film studies degrees being introduced at Cambridge may not be far behind.

But if these changes are encouraging for Oxbridge-bound movie buffs, they are unlikely to impress academics elsewhere. Victor Perkins. author of the standard textbook. Film as Film, and a lecturer at Warwick University, believes the moves say more about Oxbridge conservatism than the cultural status of cinema.

"All universities were slow to take up film studies, which began in schools and worked its way up through further education. The higher up you go, the more conservative people have been," Perkins says. "I don't think these new exams are a matter for cele bration on behalf of cinema so much as an indication of how slow Oxbridge has been to engage with the 20th

resumes at the Cambridge Arts Cinema (01223 352001) on January 22 and runs until March 12

### phy of the beauties of Pro-All Men are Mortal: indeed Adaptation the sincerest form of flattery

David Robinson on why the

director of The Horseman on the

Roof changed a story he loved

ean-Paul Rappeneau has loved and revered Jean Giono's novel Le Hussard sur le toit since he first read it in 1953, when the book had just come out and he was 21 years old. Love and reverence, though, have not inhibited his very free adaptation of the text.

The 'mystery' plot about agents who come from Italy hunting our hero, Angelo, is my invention," he explains. and the ending is quite different. In the book there is no husband for the heroine to return 10.

"When I came to reread it in 1992 with the idea of making a film, I realised there was a lot of work to be done to find a way through this great reservoir of images. Giono gives us these marvellous contrasts between the brutality of the events, the constant presence of death and, on the other hand, the overwhelming beau-

ty of nature and the constant presence of sentiments. "But the actual story of the journey of the young man and his meeting with the woman. which happens quite late in the book, is very slender.

Nothing happens. He leaps on his horse and rides off again. "I hesitated until I met Giono's daughter, Sylvie. told her. If I make the film, I shall have to change the book a lot.' She said: 'Go ahead. Change everything. My father would have adored that.' I think n's true. He was a man who felt that things should not be left alone, that they should

evolve. So I felt free to make

changes.
"Like Giono, I am a country boy. I was born in Burgundy, in Auxerre. Before making the film I had never been to Provence, which existed in my mind as the legendary country created by Giono.

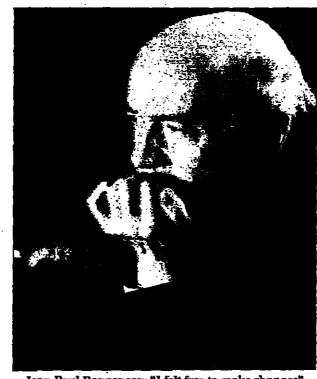
"The natural beauty of Provence becomes a character in the film. The cholera is another character, representing evil. They are always in conflict. Beauty is everywhere - in nature, the summer, the sun, the rivers - but death is also everywhere.

"It is not realistic. It is a conte de la chivalerie. From childhood, Giono loved the old romances. For me the film unfolds like a tale of chivalry - Tristan and Yseult - or even a fairy-tale. The imagery comes from Giono's childhood

reading, and my own. "There's another level of meaning, too. For Giono there was a metaphor of the recent war in France. I told my actors that 'you are the Resistance'."

Rappeneau was born in 1932, entered films as an assistant director and, as a screenwriter, was notably associated with the late Louis Malle. A courteous, avuncular man, he still talks in a hesitant style and you might not guess that in The Horseman on the Roof he has made the most expensive picture in French

film history. As a director, his output has been sparse. The first film he directed, La Vie de Château,



Jean-Paul Rappeneau: "I felt free to make changes"

won the Prix Louis Delluc in 1966, but he made only three further features in the 23 years before his spectacular 1989 success with Cyrano de

Bergerac. "Each time I need to find a very strong motivation, he says. "Each film becomes more important than everything else in my life, I am hallucinated by the work. So I need time to warm up the motor again, to find the object of my next passion.

There was a seven-year pause before Cyrano de Bergerac. My earlier films were all comedies. I liked comedy because you have the audible evidence of success in the audience's laughter. In time I got tired of that, but I didn't know what to do next. "Finally I realised I needed

to find something more operatic - stories of destiny, love and death. Cyrano gave me what I was looking for. I always dreamt of being able to devise a choreography of camera movement that would reflect the movements of the heart and sentiments, and Cyrano gave me courage. After that, instead of wondering what original story I could make up, I thought, what book have I always thought unadaptable that I can now try to

various times during the past 40 years, but one of the things that stopped them was the problem of who could play the hero. At different times Gerard Philippe and Alain Delon were considered.

"I knew I wanted a very young man who still had something of childhood in him. I looked at all the young actors in France and chose Olivier Martinez from tests. He looked superb, of course, the perfect romantic hero, and he has incredible courage and

"Casting Juliette Binoche was a different matter. I had long dreamt of filming with her: she has exactly the qualities of energy, impertinence and, above all, mystery of Giono's Pauline.





CHOICE 1

Julia McKenzie goes through the Communicating Doors one last time

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David Bamber plays Hook in a new staging of Peter Pan

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637 8270) Tue-Sat, and Jan 7 and 14, Late Wind in the willows

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Stepping out for stardom?

Glassman guides the juniors through their audition. "Relax." the teacher urges. Grave little faces, hair in regulation ballet buns, obediently loosen and smile, only to pinch up sec-

It is not easy when you have a number card pinned to your chest, and your smallest move. your every contour is being scrutinised: when you know the outcome means acceptance or the opposite to a Royal Ballet School summer course or possibly even to the school proper. It takes courage when, after a group exercise, you have to stand for long minutes in lines of four in front of the audition panel while notes are made about you. What else can you do other than saze politely in the vague distance or smile shakily or lick your lips nervously? Most of these children will fall through the

tion sieve, and they know it. Now in its sixth year, the Royal Ballet School's Search For Talent programme is scouring the country with auditions that started in December and will finish in London in late March. A road team of assessors, teacher (Garran-Glassman) and pianist is touring to II regional centres. from Glasgow to Southampton, Swansea to Newcastle, Recently, the scheme crossed the Channel to take advantage of the "open market" offered by the Euro-

oean Union: it holds auditions

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in Spain and Italy. The school wants the best to feed the best to the two Royal Ballet companies: these still rely on the school for the bulk of their dancers. It has introduced not only the one-week and two-week summer schools in London, to be filled during the current round of auditions. but also junior and senior associate preparatory regional classes which children attend over several terms as a supplement to their local teachers.

Though there are several routes for entry into fulltime study at the Royal Ballet School, it is not uncommon for a child to start as an associate, continue with a summer school and then win a place at the Lower School in Richmond Park (for 11 to 16-year-olds) or the Upper School in Barons Court (lo-year-olds and over).

The Search For Talent team held two auditions in Southampton. The first for ages ten to 13; the second for 15 to 17year-olds. Previous ballet knowledge was not essential for the juniors.

Lesley Collier, until recently the Royal Ballet's leading ballerina, now ballet mistress of the Upper School, formed one half of the adjudicating panel with William Glassman, the scheme's administrator. She remembered her own audition when she was II, and how she felt at a disadvantage because she was pitched against an older, more experienced girl. Then, things were on a more modest. less intimidating scale, and having (wrongly) decided she hadn't a chance, she had ended up enjoying herself.

Parents are not allowed to watch the auditions, which might put their children off. At Southampton they are shepherded to another room by Nigel Grant, the school's assistant director, for a talk about the academic education. and other facilities on offer. Applicants come from a wide social spectrum, including some whose parents may be daunted by the prospect of sending their children away to become boarders at the Lower School. (Upper School stu-

accommodation.) The school is keen to emphasise that lack of parental income should not discourage families. It has not been touched by the student grant crisis as much as other theatre and dance schools

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Dancing hopefully: Royal Ballet School auditions at Little Eastleigh in Hampshire

have, direct grants from the Education and Employment Department offer help to parents, topped up when necessary by the school's endowment fund.

The Southampton junior group seems a particularly tense bunch despite the practised efforts of Garratt-Glassman to jolly them up. "Don't worry if you get your arms wrong. It doesn't matter," she tells them during one tricky exercise with arms and legs swinging in opposition. "Just dance, Eniov it."

Of course, without a real joy for dance, a child can never become successful, but what else is the panel hoping to find? "A combination of co-ordination. musicality, energy, flexibility and theatricality," says Glassman. The junior class that Garratt-Glassman teaches is ed to explore all those qualities, starting with natural walking and jogging to warmup, going on to combinations demanding varied rhythms and intricate limb co-ordination, then jumps to show

elevation and speed. Tallness in girls is no longer considered an obstacle as professional companies now like long, narrow outlines, Number 23 is tall - and the only boy. Boys are at a premium.

About an hour into the class. a selection is made. "We are going to call out those we want to keep behind for a bit longer," Glassman announces, but the euphemistic phrasing tools nobody. Dis appointment is written all over the faces of those not asked to

stay, including number 23. The lucky ones, though, are not guaranteed acceptance. There are 40 places for boys and 80 for girls in the junior summer school and half as many in the senior one: but there are still several auditions to go.

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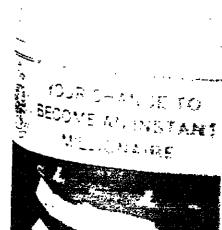
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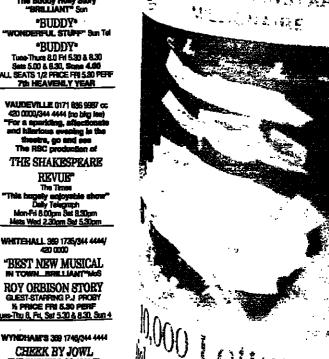
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# Terrible twins are born again

**Duchess of Malfi** Wyndhams

heek by Jowl's Ed-wardian-period revival of Webster's great, gruesome tra-gedy seemed strikingly origi-nal when I caught it in Oxford in October; but after three months on the road it has grown into something that is extraordinary bordering on astonishing. I am tempted to alk you through Declan Donnellan's production scene by scene, pointing out how and why it differs from conventional stagings. But since that would send my review careening on to page 94, let me evoke just one encounter between Anastasia Hille's Duchand her twin, Scott Handy's Ferdinand.

It is Act III, scene ii. Duke Ferdinand, furious at his sister's downmarket marriage, sidles into her bedroom and not too subtly suggests that she kill herself. He gives her a dagger, threatens and terrorises her, then disappears bug-eyed into the night, leaving her wanly protesting, "You are too strict." She is passive; he is a hyperactive maniac. He is evil: she is good. At any rate, that is

Not here. Hille's Duchess slaps Ferdinand to the floor, leaps onto him, menaces him with the dagger, then laughs, coolly pours herself a Scotch. continues doing her hair, and makes mocking monkey noises while he wildly blusters and bangs into the furniture.
Then the mood switches, and she is cuddling and comforting him before it switches again, and he makes a blundering exit, haplessly mouthing promises never to see her

incredible, absurd, an extreme example of the way contemporary directors impose 20th-century psychology selves. It may sound as if Donnellan is more trick cyclist than responsible producer; but that is far from the effect in the theatre. Rather, you feel you are witnessing the halfcomic half-horrifying death throes of a dark, deep bond that perhaps only twins can fully understand. What Donnellan does is substitute human richness for theatrical stereotype.



In the relationship between Hille's Duchess and Handy's Ferdinand can be seen the half-comic, half-horrifying death throes of the twins' bond

After all, must the Duchess act as if she has parachuted in. not just from some nicer family, but from a higher moral plane? And must her brother seem strong rather than weak because he is nowerful? Nowadays we expect directors to ask similar questions of Shakespeare, and would be amazed to get a wetly virtuous Cordelia or a straightforwardly venomous Goneril. Hille and Handy admittedly take corrective interpretation a long way:

but never over the top. She cuts a cool, confident figure, and, though you also sense a longing for affection and simplicity, it is second nature in her to intimidate and not be intimidated. When that mad nocturnal prowler, her brother, reveals that the hand he has given her is severed and cold, what does she do after she has winced and thrown it aside? Why, pick it up and drop it into the wastepaper-basket, as any house-proud princess should.

Hille's is a wonderful performance - tough yet sensitive, sardonic yet packed with ruefully observed pain — and Handy's is very good. The impression his big, soft face gives is of an overgrown tot floundering in a world he can smash but never comprehend. Behind the strutting, the tears and the obsessive games-playing - what did he and his overbearing sister get up to in the nursery? - Handy suggests someone profoundly bewildered by his own emotions.

Ronnie Scott's. At 55, he has

mellowed into an elder states-

man who is quite at home jamming with his old friend

Eric Clapton or, as on After-

glow, his most recent album, singing Blue Skies and other

standards with a big band.

Walker records.

finally took the cure.

known as gris-gris. The origi-

How can he be so angry, so bitter, so vengeful? Much has improved since Oxford in October.

Paul Brennen, as the third of these nightmare siblings, adds a certain agony of soul to his portrait of Himmler in Cardinal's purple. As the Duchess's illicit husband. Antonio, Matthew Macfadyen suggests a nervousness of heart and, with it, an uneasy marriage. The worry, if any, is George Anton's performance as the spy cum assassin Bosola, a character whose mix of the ambition-driven and consciencestricken has artracted many a major actor. Couldn't he be

more, well, interesting? Yes: but, if so, wouldn't that distract attention from the dysfunctional family at the centre? It is a question for Donnellan and his cast to ponder as they perform in London and then continue what promises to be, even by Cheek by Jowl's standards, a surpassingly successful world

# Tossed in the myths of time

Rachel Campbell-Johnston reviews

a touring show marking the centenary of the artist David Jones

regarded as a some-what whimsical and eccentric figure, isolated from the mainstream of modern art. His choice of subject maner can seem wilfully obscure. Like William Blake, with whom he is often compared inevitable, perhaps, for an artist who ranked equally as a writer and painter - Jones is a visionary. His imagination is furnished with the iconography of lost historical worlds. the gods and heroes of classical and celtic myth. He explores alchemical symbols and esoteric law. His ideas, shaped by his Catholic faith. wander among the themes of metamorphosis and transub-

Something of this complex ity can be seen in the scrawled diagram which furnishes the title of a touring exhibition marking the centenary of Jones's birth, A Map of the Artist's Mind. At the centre are the words "French and German Romance", around which a pattern of arrows circulates in a complex flow, interconnecting such scribbled ideas as "Syr Gawaine & the Greene Knyghte", "Development of Eucharistic cultus and "Magian Gnosis". The exhibition, currently in

Hove, aims to lead the viewer through this labyrinth. Chronology is eschewed in favour of theme, so that trends and patterns of thought emerge more clearly.

The ideas which defined

Jones as an artist — the Catholic church and its liturgy, his experiences as a young man fighting as a private in France during the First World War, his strong feeling for the natural world and sense of being rooted in the landscape of Welsh culture — are all introduced in the exhibition's opening sections.

Jones worked and reworked these ideas throughout artistic career. They enrich and expand into more complex work. In the section of this exhibition called "History and Romance" the painting Study for Aphrodite in Aulis seems at first a bewildering swirl of spindly lines through which assorted images flutter. But as the eye travels over the surface it picks out the details: the two semi-naked soldiers flanking the Roman goddess on he plinth, the lamb bleeding into a chalice, the female warrior with a Christos symbol emblazoned on her shield. Gradual organises itself into Jones's vision of woman as something

both violated and venerated. Similarly, in the section labelled "Of Metamorphosis and Mutability", still-lifes such as Briar Cup or Mehefin show the sacred dimension seeping into secular subject matter. Household such as a vase or a table are transmuted into chalice and altar, the ritual objects of the Mass. Briars, with their red-



The Greeting to Mary. 1963: a typically intricate drawing by David Jones

pped barbs, draw parailels to rist's crown of thorns. Jones's works create a vibrant field of tremulous line and flickering colour, characterised by a graceful fluidity

and spontaneity. As the layers of imagery build up, signs slip into symbols, notations into connotations. In this, his vision is not isolated from, but in tune with, other 20th-century art: with the work of painters like Derain and Modigliani. modernist form through traditional references, or neo-surrealists like Paul Delvaux, who mixed archetypal or mythic references with personal preoccupations.

● David Jones, 1895-1974: A Map of the Artist's Mind is at Hove Museum and Art Gallery until Museum & Gallery, Cardiff from Feb 17 to Apr 14

# JAZZ: As Dr John prepares for London, Clive Davis asks the maestro of gumbo what makes a good hoodoo man

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# Night trip with medicine man

any people still re-member him as the Night Tripper, but those wild, psychedelic days are long gone, and Mac he points out mournfully, lacks the infrastructure of Rebennack - alias Dr John has now taken on many of the traits of that 1990s archetype, clubs and top-flight studios to the Concerned Parent. For years he lived in the louche support its musicians nowadays. But whenever he goes Manhattan neighbourhood of back, to see his relations or do Chelsea, but with his teenage some fishing in the bayou, he feels as if he had never left. children passing more and more crack dealers on the Rebennack will be serving streets, he eventually decided up his brand of Louisiana gumbo in Soho from Monday. to move across town to sedate when he plays a week at

Murray Hill. Inside his lounge, though, it could almost be New Orleans at twilight. The tall, shuttered windows, oil paintings, fulllength mirrors and luxuriant tapestries would not be out of place in an Anne Rice novel. They provide the ideal back-drop for a larger-than-life figure who was once a practising voodoo priest and who would rampage onto the stage in full Mardi Gras regalia. He has lived in New York since the 1970s. New Orleans,

`Dazzling farce' Hysteria Terry Johnson's enstard pie of

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Mac Rebennack: from voodoo to jobbing musician

Through all his many incarnations, he has stayed true to nal Dr John had been a phantom-like New Orleans the freewheeling spirit of his medicine man in the 19th home town. An errant Jesuitcentury. Rebennack adopted school pupil, he was more interested in whiling away the his name for a recording hours in the nightclubs than session with a group of musimastering the catechism. By his early teens he was already making a living as a guitarist.

cians who were supposed to be working on a Sonny and Cher record. The result was the incantatory album Gris Gris, with its tale of the Night Tripper roaming the streets

The record had all the correct pseudo-mystical trappings for its era, and Dr John vas taken up as a symbol of the counter-culture. By this time he had made the transition to playing piano - a change forced on him when he was shot in one of the fingers of his left hand during a scuffle

with his bag of magic remedies in his hand.

with an irate motel owner. For all the theatricality of Dr John, Rebennack retains the instincts of the jobbing musician. Everyone from Aretha Franklin to Van Morrison has called on his services, and the best of his own recordings were assembled on an entertaining Rhino compilation entitled Mos Scocious, Record company executives, however, have not always treated him with respect. As he surveys the music scene, he takes on the

there were more people on the case. Most of the records you

weary tone of Angry of Bour-

music across the board. There would be a lot better records if

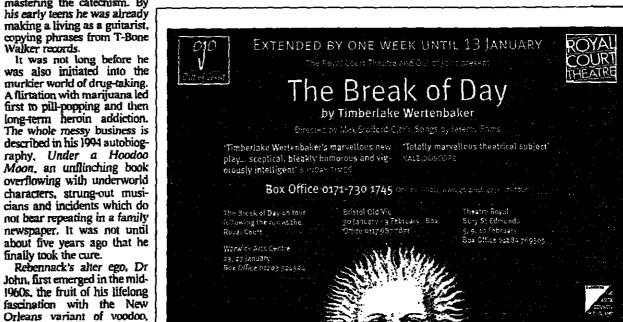
"There's a lot of ho-hum

bon Street.

hear on the radio are out of tune. How can a rap singer not have good rhythm? He ain't singing, so he should at least have good time if he's supposed to be grooving. Kids are growing up hearing this, and that's all they know. Things could be worse, but they could be a whole lot better." ■ Dr John is at Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London WI 10171-139

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# Opening fire in the real culture wars

Roger Scruton finds political correctness alive and well, despite claims that it never existed

or some years it has been rumoured that are being taken over leftist thought-police. determined to erase all ves-tiges of elitism, racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, lookism, speciesism etc., and to replace them by isms of another kind - Marxism and feminism especially. Studies and books have been devoted to the phenomenon, while politicians, journalists and commentators of a conservative persuasion have made such a meal of "PC" that noone would now describe himself as "politically correct", without first encasing the phrase in inverted commas.

Yet, John Wilson argues, the whole thing is a fabrication. propagated by conservative academics and the foundations which fund them, in order to obscure the real attack on higher education. which comes not from the Left but from the Right. Conservatives, who wish to impose their authoritarian curriculum on the rest of us, regard the open discussion of alternatives as intrinsically threatening. By posing as the victims of oppression, they have cleverly seized the high ground, so opening the way to oppression

Four years ago I went to teach in Boston University. I was as politically incorrect as a professor can be, notorious both at home and abroad for opinions which, in the context of an academic career, have nothing to recommend them apart from their truth. I went in dread of the slogan-chanting students, the signed letters protest from frosty colleagues and disciplinary tribunals which I had read about with amazement in the American right-wing press. I was genuinely surprised to find י ססנת כס leagues and students as a normal member of the human species. Nobody seemed interested in my personal opinions, and the curriculum was very much the old curriculum although more open to innova-tion and experiment than the European original. My immediate impression was that either PC had disappeared, or it had never really existed.

As Wilson points out, the critics of campus fashions have been none too careful in checking their facts, in giving chapter and verse, or in distin-

THE MYTH OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS By John K. Wilson Duke University Press. £13.95

guishing the attempt to subvert the curriculum from the desire merely to revise it. Many of the martyrs to PC turn out merely to be academics with one of their habitual grievances. The notorious speech-codes" adopted here and there in universities were seldom applied, and have in any case since been struck down by the courts. Even "multiculturalism" is, in Wilson's reading of events, little more than an attempt to extend the old curriculum, and



John Silber: singled out

tion, and the rest, they are nothing but points of view, with a right to expression within the academy that is equal to the right accorded to all matters of public concern. A plausible argument, and

one well backed up with case studies and statistics. But not, in the end, convincing. An English reader of Wilson's narrative will be struck by the fact that every conservative teacher or writer that he mentions is identified by his political colours, and that all riculum are described in political terms. The curriculum advances, for Wilson, by including "discussion" of issues which were not previously mentioned — and the issues belong always to someone's political agenda. Feminism and gay liberation are as entitled to a place on the curriculum as — well, as conservatism. family values,

what have you. In my view, however, none of those things has a place, as such, on the curriculum, since none is an academic subject. If

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I opnose feminism as a classroom topic, it is not because I the place of it. It is because I want to get on with teaching the Critique of Pure Reason, with analysing Schubert's

String Quintet, or with understanding the character of Milton's Satan. For Wilson the university is nothing but a vast talking shop, in which political opinions strive to be heard in open competition with their rivals. It has been absorbed into the democratic process, and become a chamber of opinion whose ultimate meaning is political. Wilson is a graduate student in social science, and a product of the very outlook which - because he has no first-hand knowledge of the tradition opposed to it — he alleges not to exist. The success of PC consists precisely in that it is no longer

One very small instance (not mentioned by Wilson) will illustrate what I mean. The Pennsylvania Law Review, one of the major outlets for legal scholarship in America, now tion any article that does not use the feminine pronoun throughout. No matter that this is stylistically impossible for anyone with a feel for the English language; no matter that it automatically imputes feminist opinions to the author. That is what you have to do if you are to be published; and if you cannot get your articles published in journals such as the Pennsylvania Law Review, you have no chance of a career teaching law. Not only does this show how liberal orthodoxy is enforced in the American academic establishment, it also illustrates the new conception of scholarship as part of a "strug-

The "culture wars" are only just beginning. and the explicit terrorism which excited the media was a passing episode, long ago scotched by conservative antibodies. But am not sure that my experience at Boston University was typical. For its president, John Silber, is singled out for special abuse by Wilson, as someone prepared to impose his iron will in order to punish all those who dissent from the conservative line. The freedom from politicisation which I observed is seen by Wilson as another kind of politicisation, and one far more antithetical

gle", the goal of which is not

to "academic freedom". That is surely what we should mean by political correctness - the attitude which sees all questions as political, and all impartial scholarship as a mask for some conservative agenda. Wilson argues for

Reliable accounts tell us that a continuous black presence in Britain began in 1555 when five men were officially welcomed to London as promotors of trade

between the continents. It did

not take long for hospitality to

cede to distrust and the first choruses of Blacks Go Home". By 1596, the number of African immigrants —

mainly slaves - had reached

such visible proportions that

there was considerable public

antipathy towards them,

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in fears that they might take

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English Queen Elizabeth !

issued an ineffectual edict

ordering them to leave, calling

on her subjects to denounce

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With the cultivation of the

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number of black servants rose

rapidly again. By the mid-18th century, some 30,000 were at

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670,000. Gretchen Gerzina's

refuse to deliver them.

# Drying ink and art that is God's grandchild

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A question of attribution: Charity (1305), from the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, was painted after the Life of St Francis in Assisi, which some have credited to Giotto

verybody — and that includes the most fervently patriotic Sienese - agrees that Giotto is the father of modern painting. Dante set the seal on his fame during his lifetime in a passage on the vanity of worldly aspirations that ought to have Canto XI of the Purgatorio, a character explains that just as in the field of poetry Guido Guinizelli has been surpassed by Guido Cavalcanti, so now in painting Giotto is the star where once Cimabue reigned supreme. But the passage ulatory prophecy that someone will soon outclass the second Guido, though without exploring the implication that in due course Dante himself, and Giotto with him. will also be surpassed.

The truth is that from our point of view what comes after is never really better. only different. However, where our sense of Dante's greatness is inspired above all the Vita Nuova, the position in relation to Giotto is less straightforward, and divides the world according to pretty crude nationalistic boundaries. The bone of contention is the series of trescoes of the Life of St Francis in the Upper Basilica at Assisi.

In a nutshell, Italian art historians cannot bear to relinquish the idea that this cycle of pictures was not in the main planned and executed by the young Giotto before he moved on to decorate the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. The rest of the world does not agree, and assigns the various scenes to a team of masters whose identities are lost in the mists of time. If Giotto was at Assisi at all early on, then maybe he painted the Old Testament scenes given to the painter otherwise known as the Isaac Master. There is something irratio-

nally painful about being told that something is not by a great master, just as there is tractive about downgrading a much-loved work and watching its fans squirm. The pitched battle over Rembrandt has confused the issue, because it has been implied that passion is engendered by the financial consequences of a decision. The Assisi problem demonstrates that opposing camps can désagree just

David Ekserdjian

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market. Denying the St Francis cycle to Giotto is tanta-Shakespeare did not write Hamlet and King Lear - which is a popular enough sport, but not the best way to win friends. Professor Flores d'Arcais

has written an Italian book on Giotto, but even an anti-Assisian like myself should be grateful for that. It does not carry a big enough Government Attribution Warning for my taste, but it has the supreme merit of presenting the visual evidence with ad mirable thoroughness. Assist. Padua and the rest are lavishly and copiously illustrated, ften with stunning details. The only regret is that full page illustrations are occasionally bizarrely juxtaposed so that details, which are meant to be separate, look disconcertingly continuous. The overwhelming impression, and that in spite of the extraordinary power of the Ognissanti Madonna since its recent restoration, is that Giotto is at his best as a painter of frescoes, not panels.

nother great tradition of Giotto studies has been to focus only on his formal achievements, and Cubist avant la lettre, at the expense of his gift for storytelling and emotion. In this respect, the professor can hardly be faulted, for although there is something laughable about even a flyleaf puff calling a book on Giotto definitive", she is certainly on the right track. She understands the narrative magic of painting an Evangelist blowing on his pen to dry the ink.

Oddly enough, even if one were to accept that Giotto was responsible for the Life of St Francis, it would have to be acknowledged that he went up several gears in the Scrovegni Chapel. In the unlikely event of my being asked onto Desert Island Discs. I always thought I might ask to ed I promised not to use it to

# Dispate

### thorn in the Crown ory." He has produced biograconsiders that "this single action alone hurts the chances **Woodrow Wyatt** phies of Laurence Olivier. Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn of the Monarchy continuing".

If Spoto's book had been written after the Princess Diana Panorama show he would have exulted. For him it would have been proof positive of his assertion that the monarchy is doomed. The young Windsors cannot be taken seriously, and so sover-eignty itself is no longer even a beneficial public relations device. Right there, in the palaces and royal castles, live

those who are causing the fall of the House of Windsor." The author, demonstrating how learned he is, refers to Bagehot: "When there is a Select Committee on the Queen, the charm of royalty will be gone. Its mystery is its life. We must not let daylight in upon magic." But Walter

DYNASTY By Donald Spoto

Simon & Schuster, £16.99

Bagehot lived before long distance cameras could catch royalty unawares, and before Princess Diana incited her friends to tell Andrew Morton how horrible her husband was. Spoto's book abounds in innuendos about the alleged love lives of other royal personages. To add feather weight to his gossip, he drags in Prince Philip's joke about "slitty eyes". made while in China. I have not heard of any Chinese complaints - they

probably laughed... We also have the customary cliché of the Queen's personal

wealth being £6.6 billion, bringing in £2 million interest daily. This scholar was apparently unable to discover that very little of this allegedly vast fortune actually belongs to her. The Queen's personal wealth, knowing how badly bankers invest, is unlikely to be more than £120 million, from which she makes all

manner of payments to royal-ty not on the Civil List. And how strange that, despite his supposed diligence, he never refers to the Prince Regent (George IV) and his unparalleled public quarrels with Queen Caroline of Brunswick. Every tavern in the country was plastered with cartoons of them throwing excreta at each other. Nor does' he refer to George IV's fury on failing to persuade the House of Lords to give him a divorce

and how later, at his Coronation. Caroline battered at the doors of Westminster Abbey demanding to be crowned and was driven violently away.

The author cannot take on board the idea that the institution of monarchy belongs to the people, not to the Sovereign. Apart from a few nutters. we prefer to salute a living symbol of royal blood, not a mere flag or some deadbeat politician elected as president. When a monarch is thought unsuitable a more satisfactory replacement is found. It happened to Charles I, James II and Edward VIII. We (and the world) remain fascinated by our monarchy, not only for its glamour, but also its utility. The entire system of justice, without Regina V, would be overturned if we were a republic. The United Kingdom would become disunited. The Head of the Commonwealth, valued by its members, would be gone and that unifying force would vanish.

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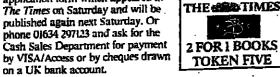
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on the subject. One authority

he quotes is a fellow Ameri-can. "No lesser person than the venerable Harold Brooks-

running soap opera".

**BLACK ENGLAND** Life before Emancipation By Gretchen Gerzina John Murray, \$19.99

was a mixed-race society long before the great influx after the Second World War. The world of Johnson, Pope and Hogarth was shared by African slaves and their descendants, many still in the service of the wealthy, but some making their way to prosperity and social status as artists, tradesmen and participants in the great literary and political debates of their day.

Johnson was famously de-voted to his Jamaican servant. Francis Barber, whom he educated and eventually made his heir — a familiar story which Gerzina expands into a revealing account of affection across social barriers. One of the most charming and enlightening of her tales, however, is that of Ignatius Sancho, born on a slave-ship,



West Indians were again welcomed to Britain - but racial tensions soon re-emerged

who became butler to the Duchess of Montague and later a friend of Garrick's and a correspondent of Sterne's. Like many a later incomer, the quick-witted Sancho discovered that the key to the English

heart was irony-shaped. Sancho wrote scores of selfdeprecating letters, for both private and public consumption that mocked his own appearance and background.

"Figure to yourself," he expostulated on declining to serve his parish offices, "A man of convexity of belly exceeding Falstaff - and a black face into the bargain - waddling in the van of poor thieves and pennyless prostitutes". He would very likely have found some of his countrymen

among them. Gerzina's ac-

count of the lives of the black

poor and the challenges they

provided to English compassion and policy-making is excellent, as is her description of the run-up to liberation and the key court cases which gave the cause of abolition a legal as well as a moral basis.

Black England is particularly useful in correcting our visual image of those times as familiar a sight to Shake-

rick, and almost as familiar to both as they are to Londoners today". The unstable mixture of sentimental empathy on the one hand, fear and distrust on the other, with which the educated classes greeted the incomers is instantly recognis-able now as we seek to define relations between ethnic groups in Britain.

Regrettably, given the in-triguing subject matter, the book is rather flatly written in parts. In common with many history, Gerzina has adopted a purely episodic approach to her meticulously gathered ma-terial and eschewed wider debate about the socio-political impact of the awareness of

🐧 iven the breadth of her knowledge, I would, for instance, have liked to hear her engage with Stuart Hall's argument that it was the registering of an alien presence in the form of names, heraldry and pictorial art which "produced and sustained an uncodified but immensely powerful conservative sense of Englishness". With just a few pages to go, she does note that "one of the biggest questions facing Europeans in contact with other peoples was exactly how race and colour worked". A deeper exploration in these areas might have given more breadth and texture to the book and turned it from a rewarding read into an indis-

# Peter Ackroyd examines a modern critic's quest for the sacred in a secular age, and finds in his work both despair and affirmation

There is a moment in one of George Steiner's stories when an elderly Marxist and a Catholic friar suppose, for the sake of argument, that "We are museum exhibits. Incorrigible chatterers. We are ghosts out of the dark of history. . . . In fact, they are essentially religious men in an increasingly secular age. Not for the first time Steiner rehearses his cultural concerns within a fictional context. Perhaps it is easier to tell the truth in a story. Yet in one of the essays in his latest collection No Passion Spent, he meditates upon Chardin's portrait of an idealised reader. Le Philosophe Lisant, whose features bear a resemblance to those of Steiner himself. In the course of a marvellous exposition of the iconography of this painting, he invokes a ceremony of intellect...the mind's tense apprehension of meaning" which might also apply to his own techniques of exegesis. The whole essay, the whole volume, is a lament for literacy: but it

is not a threnody.

That is why he can go on to suggest that there is still time and occasion for a community of ideal readers who will "seek to acquire those rudiments of mythological and scriptural recognition, of shared historical remembrance".

# Do not beweep the outcast state

THE DEEPS OF THE
SEA
And Other Fiction
By George Steiner
Faber. £12.99
NO PASSION SPENT
Essays
By George Steiner
Faber. £19.99

The Uncommon Reader lacks that final pessimism of the protagonists in Steiner's story, in which the claims of visionary or sacred knowledge have been thoroughly obscured and defeated by the world. It may not be too much to suggest, then, that between these two poles, of despair and affirmation, dereliction and aspiration, Steiner's own work can be placed.

His central importance lies in this: he is one of the few critics writing in English to suggest that there is a religious as well as a materialist view of the world. He even dares to claim that great literature, and great art, find their true home within a sacred rather

attempt to reach, and to understand, that tradition is through a broadly Judaeo-Christian inheritance. Others have found it within a Protestant hermeneutic in which the values of individual sensibility and to use Raymond Williams's phrase) the "moral community" are paramount. Still others have sought to define the characteristic spirit of English literature in the light of this country's buried Catholic inheritance. There are many gates, but the path is the same: it leads towards an under-standing of poetry, and music, and art, within a reverential sense of life and destiny. That is why Steiner is so savage about America, for example, and why he is so scathing about the English novel of the last forty years. There are occasions when he overstates his case, but what is the point of understatement when so few

people are willing to listen?
It is not surprising, therefore, that he is at his best here in his examination of the Bible and in his interpretation of the entire Judaeo-Christian inheritance. Through



Steiner seeks the ideal reader

That Glass Darkly, an account of what he describes as "the historical moment which has determined the tragic destiny of the Jew over these past two thousand years", ought to be required reading for anyone who is interested in the history of civilisation. In it Steiner suggests at one point that the refusal of Christ, "the veto of the lew" as he puts it sprang from

Jewish idealism and messianic hope; we might say that, for the Jews, Christ was not enough. It is an insight upon which he elaborates in another essay. Two Cocks, where he suggests that "there is at the very roots of Christianity a strong pulse of Jewish self-hatred". So we proceed from Golgotha to Auschwitz, and Steiner aptly quotes Kafka to the effect that "there is abundant hope, but there is none for us".

The arrival of Kaska in this

context is not altogether unexpect-

ed since, in the course of this volume, Steiner does intimate the existence of a "canon" of Western literature; he expounds what might be called a tradition of secular scriptures, it is an exclusive affair, necessarily, and those of an Anglo-Saxon sensibility might be bruised by the absence here of most of the English writers of the last seven centuries. Yet Steiner chooses his texts carefully. and there are interesting essays on Kafka and Husserl, Simone Weil and Keirkegaard. This suggests what we ought already to have guessed - he is primarily interested in those writers who convey an identifiable metaphysical or spiritual position. There is more than a trace of German Idealism in his own criticism, which allows him to prefer philosophers who write like novelists as well as novelists who write like philosophers.

In turn he is unconvinced by the theatrical, the pantomimic, or the comic. If there is anything missing in this book, it is laughter. Yet he can be very incisive when faced with what might be called recalcitrant material: of Shakespeare, he quotes Wittgenstein's remark that he was "perhaps a creator of language rather than a poet". It is similar to the question of medieval debate, "Was Virgil an orator or a poet?"

"Was Virgil an orator or a poet?"

There are times when reading his essays is like eating paie to the sound of trumpets, but the suspicion of over-indulgence is justified by the quality of the material being ingested. This reviewer has only one serious disagreement with the argument of the book, and it concerns Steiner's respect for Goethe's notion of "world literature".

There really is no such thing Perhaps one can continue the culinary metaphor for a moment longer — if it exists it is the literary equivalent of airline food, eatable by all but palatable to none. Only a literature imbued with the awareness of its own origins can truly aspire to universality.

So one may turn to Steiner's own stories. Characteristically he enters the mind of the outcast or the exile, investing him with strange powers of memory and wrath. His style is sometimes close to that of De Quincey, sometimes to the Maturin of Melmoth the Wanderer. His fiction is best seen as a late-20th-century version of the Gothic fable, in which the horrors have turned out to be real. A German officer returns to the area of France which he once terrorised; Hitler is found in the jungles of South America. His protagonists relive the circumstances of warfare and extermination, themselves seeming to desire death or punishment in some form of expiation. The plots are extravagant, the language intense, and there is always a suspicion of stage thunder in the wings, but all is lifted upon powerful cadences of lamentation and revelation. And there, of course, Steiner's genius eventually

# Dispatches from a battle of giants

discovers that one man's will can be enough to defy a brutal regime and to

triumph over it

his is a story in which there is great pain but also great heroism — heroism that modestly denies itself and claims that it was only doing right. But before the story comes on to the stage, there is a miracle to deal with. When the Soviet Union collapsed, mountains of documents had been left undestroved; there

are still seekers among the ruins

trying to find papers concerning

their particular field. And among

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Bearing a second

the great fight of Alexander Solzhenitsyn v Soviet Union.

The head of the state throughout this story was Brezhnev, and he made one mistake, which turned out to be crucial. If he had seen even a short way into the future, he would have had Solzhenitsyn murdered, because the hero was then hardly known in his country and even less outside. But by the time Solzhenitsyn had started his fight for the truth, that towering figure was well enough known round the world not to be killed or even

thrown into a dungeon.

This book consists of every reference to Solzhenitsyn by the Soviet state throughout the great

THE SOLZHENITSYN
FILES
Edited by Michael Scammell
Edition Q. £21.95

struggle. Every statement of the hero's fight was noted word for word and every word Solzhenitsyn spat in the face of Brezhnev and his satraps they had to swallow and put on paper.

The fun began early; the entire Politburo were again and again called together to find a way to stop one man who wielded nothing but a pen. Hundreds — literally hundreds — of hours were eaten up with the Solzhenitsyn problem. And as their rage mounted, so did the hero's cool.

Almost on the first page, Andropov — who was always supposed to be the most sophistocated of the brutes — is found saying: "The question of Solzhenitsyn goes beyond working with [foreign] writers. He has written certain things...that are anti-Soviet in nature. We should take decisive measures to deal with Solzhenitsyn, for he is involved in

anti-Soviet activities," Yes, indeed, they should take decisive measures, but unfortunately their decisive measures are treated by Solzhenitsyn like this: "I propose that the congress demand and ensure the abolition of all censorship, open or hidden, of imaginative literature, and release publishing houses from the obligation to obtain clearance for every printed page. . 1 propose that all guarantees provided by the Writers' Union for the defence of members subjected to slander and unjust persecutions be clearly formulated...so that the past illegalities will not be repeated."

There were other heroes who stood up for the giant. Tarkovsky, Rostropvich. Yevtushenko and others risked their careers, but of



Voiceless in his own country, Solzhenitsyn's words spoke of Russia's plight throughout the world

course there were dozens of creatures ready to slander him when the appropriate whistle was blown. But once, the entire structure came crashing down on their heads; it was when Solzhenitsyn was given the Nobel Prize for Literature. Every stop had been pulled out to minimise the occasion, and the Communist parties around the world were called to order. But, beginning with L'Unita, one by one L'Humanité, Volkstimme [Austral Land og Folk [Netherlands].

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L'Humanité, Volkstimme [Austria], Land og Folk [Netherlands],
Kansan Unust [Finland], Borba
[Yugoslavia], Politika [Sweden],
even our Morning Star (always the
most craven when father cracked
the whip) sang the praises of the
great genius instead of what they
had been ordered to do. And there
was an enchanting envoir the report
on the debacle ended with these
words: "All these newspapers have

been confiscated by the Glavlit controller and prevented from going on sale." Yet again a shovelful of hacks were lined up to denounce a man whose writing is a thousand times that of his persecutors (not one name has survived). But he responded immediately:

"I did not expect Literaturnay Gazeta to go that far. What I cannot understand is why they have this system — making others do it... they will never write anything themselves. Böll [the German novelist, a supporter of Solzhenitsyn] was right. We should not bark back, and try to react to everything. If things have gone so far that the entire world is reading this, they will bark from all directions, and from every lair. We should not pay any attention to this. Let them write. This will be settled by history."

And history was right. One man, with not even the right to publish his work in his own country, so enraged the leaders of that country that they began to be truly afraid of the way he was shaking the foundations of their tyranny. When a complete universe is built on a lie, sooner or later it will fall, and great

will be the fall of it.

So, one afternoon, he was bundled into a plane going to West Germany, and he shouted "I will return". He was right about that, too. Now it is said he is a spent force, and few listen to him. I don't believe it; but even if it is true, Alexander Solzhenitsyn made a mark on our world that will never rub off.

I know I am a King's Charles' Head when it comes to indexes, but this one is so shoddy and useless it mars the splendid book it defiles. ALL GOOD Russian novels are alike, but all bad Russian novels are bad in their own way. Tolstoy didn't write that, but he might have; it certainly applies to this new novel by Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

This is by any measure a bad piece of fiction — woodenly written, studded with cliché, with a plot which is hard to follow — but it is nevertheless an interesting one. If read as an historical document rather than a work of literature, it is even quite absorbing.

Yevtushenko, for those who do not know him already, is a Russian poet, famous both for his clumsy verse and a popularity so great that his poetry readings once filled football stadiums. Considered the "voice of a generation" in Khrush-chev's 1960 thaw, he evolved into a peculiarly Soviet form of officially recognised dissident. Alternately praised and scorned by Soviet literary officialdom (depending on changes in political winds) he nevertheless accumulated wives and cars at an astonishing rate, was allowed to travel abroad without much trouble, and was, naturally, suspected of more insidious forms of collaboration by all of his fellow writers and poets.

METAPHORICALLY, Don't Die Before You're Dead is Yevtushenko's attempt to justify a lifetime spent walking a fine line between official approval and genuine dissent. Literally, it is an account of the failed coup carried out against Sovjet President Mikhail Gorbachev in August, 1991. Some of the characters seem to be fictional: there is Stepan Palichkov, a police investigator, who joins in the protests around the Russian White House, thereby renewing his love for his estranged wife; Lyza, the decrepit former football star, who also joins the protests, thereby renewing his love for the woman he

should have married but did not.
Most of the characters, designated by somewhat coy pseudonyms, are real: The Russian President (Yeltsin), The Human Cello (Rostropovich), The Minister of Foreign Affiars, The Marshal, The Emigré, The Mysterious Speaker, and so on. Yevtushenko puts himself in, of course (presumably he thinks of himself as The Poet). And it is true

# A poet's novel Russian blend

Anne Applebaum

DON'T DIE BEFORE YOU'RE DEAD By Yevgeny Yevtushenko Robson Books, £16.99

that he was present on the balcony of the Russian parliament on the day after the coup, when it was clear that the plot had been foiled. He reprints the verse he wrote to commemorate the event at the time: "And the Russian Parliament! like a wounded marble swan of freedom! Defended by our people!

swims into eternity".

What is almost interesting about the book is the genuine ambiguity that the author seems to feel about the events he is witnessing. On the one hand, Yevtushenko styles himself as a great democrat, proud to be involved in these historic events.

even prouder to describe the time that Gorbachev rang him up, just to chat. (Gorbachev's endorsement appears on the back cover of the novel as well.) He makes it clear to the reader that he knows, personally, all of the major players, from Yelisin on down.

Yeltsin on down.

On the other hand, he feels more than a twinge of regret as the Soviet Union breaks up. As the Soviet flug (or rather The Red Flag, as Yeviushenko would call it) is lowered from the Kremlin roof. Lyza recalls "how that flag would be raised to the anthem of a great country that no longer existed, when they played and did not always lose in the stadiums of the world". At the back of the book. Yevtushenko even appends a poem of his own, entitled Goodby Our Red Flag. "You were our brother and our enemy," he writes. "Now you are just a narrow red stripe in our

Russian Tricolour."

This mix of sentimental nostalgia, sycophancy, political naivety (after all, Yevrushenko's beloved Yeltsin was himself training guns on the parliament only a few months later) together with a burning desire to be "progressive", is a classic Russian blend. In expressing it, Yevrushenko probably speaks for millions of people in the former Soviet Union. Therein lies his popularity among Russians, and therein lies the reason why he will never receive the same kind of recognition here.



Yevtushenko (left) with actor Nicolai Karachentsov during the filming of Kindergarten (1979), the author's debut as a director

# Spirit and stink bombs

ichael Hamburger is best known for his translations of classic and modern German poetry, his versions of Hölderlin and Rilke in particular being among the best there are in English. He was born in Berlin in 1924, but came to England as a child. Now in his seventies, after a lifetime devoted to the service of other people's verse, his Collected Poems 1941-1994 reveals him as an interesting poet in his own right.

interesting poet in his own right. It comes as no surprise that Hamburger's recurring theme is rootlessness. Images of disposses-sion haunt him. What is remarkable is the quiet good sense with which he turns his personal predicament into an emblem of the general human condition. A key poem, Conformist, begins "Branded in childhood, for thirty years he strove/ To hide the scar", a reference to his early sufferings as a German Jewish immigrant, but ends with two lines which tell a more-than-autobiographical truth: Come late into the freedom his from birth/ To breathe the air, and walk the ownerless earth. A small triumph of the human spirit is

enacted here. Drawing on the European tradition as much as the English. Hamburger's work ranges from metrical and rhyming explorations of his own melancholy and sense of alienation, to poems that abandon all constraints, formal or moral, and just go off like stink bombs. He calls this latter category his "unpleasantries", and some of these works are among his strongest pieces, notably those written as if spoken by a character called Mr Littlejoy, a sort of doppelganger who is perhaps everything the poet does not allow himself to be. The longer and more ambitiously philosophical poems seem to me to be

the least successful, and satires such as Big Deal do not read as sharply now as they did when they were first published back in the

Sixies.

The best of Michael Hamburger, though, is another story altogether. This comes in a number of poems in which his quest for meaning and his delight and despair in language question each other — poems as various as his elegy for his poetriend Thomas Blackburn in which he ponders the difficulty of finding a rhyme for "suffer", or the poem

# Robert Nye

COLLECTED POEMS
1941-1994

By Michael Hamburger
Anvil Press, L25

NORTHBOROUGH
SONNETS
By John Clare
Carcanet, ppb, £9.95

called Names where he bewails the impossibility of writing about a daddy-long-legs f Give any creature a funny name! And not the name but the creature becomes a joke", or the poem called simply Words in which he defines poetry: "A curious trade, I admit.! Turning a thing into words so that words will render the thing".

amburger has an informed and unsentimental love for the English countryside which at best reminds me of Edward Thomas and John Clare, and it is fitting that one of his most memorable poems celebrates the latter. At the Assumption of John Clare to Westminster Abbey begins: "To walk four nights, three

got through./Sustained by chewed tobacco and plucked grass:/Such trials pass". Clare's walk came when he

escaped from the High Beech asylum in Essex where he had been confined. His Northborough Sonnets were written in the five years immediately preceeding the time of his confinement.

Edited by Eric Robinson, David

Edited by Eric Robinson, David Powell and P. M. S. Dawson, this little book is of major importance. It includes 213 sonnets, some 80 of which are published for the first than in prodict the product of the first than in prodict the sound of the form

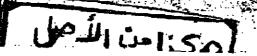
time in a readily accessible form. Clare's sonnéts have been compared to the engravings of the artist Thomas Bewick. Most of them consist in fact of seven end-stopped but swift-flowing couplets, with each couplet a vignene embodying some observation of the natural world. Clare was not happy or at home in Northborough, where he felt himself to be an outcast. Yet the sonnets sing in praise of those things he always enjoyed - the smell of new-made haystacks, the sound of church bells and the rustle of a woman's Sunday gown. "flopping" crows and "greybeard" jackdaws, a ball of grass that turns out to be a mouse's nest with the blind offspring still hanging at their

mother's teats.

What is achieved in these poems is an inspired absorption of the poet in what he is writing about. Everything is seen close up, as love sees, while punctuation is almost entirely absent and the structure of the language remains colloquial. English poetry needs Clare more than ever now — not to indulge in daydreams of a bucolic past but for the vitality of his vision and the

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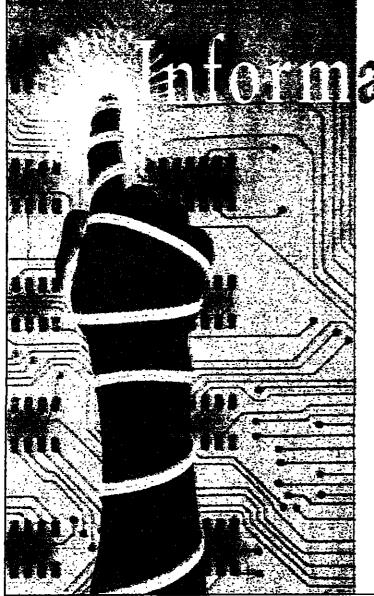




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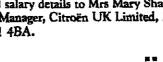
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FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

NICK FALDO begins the new year with renewed hope of recapturing the form that made him the world's most feared golfer when he makes his 1996 bow in the Mercedes Championship at La Costa,

Carlsbad, California, today, He is among an elite field of 31 golfers, all of them winners on last year's US PGA Tour. Faido qualified by virtue of his dramatic victory in the Doral Open in Miami last March. He added the runners-up berth in the Honda Classic and ended a lucrative three weeks by finishing fifth in the Nestlė Invitiational.

He had every reason to be optimistic of adding to his five major titles, but his season fell apart - only two other top ten finishes on the US circuit and his poorest performance in the four majors for a decade, his best showing a share of 24th place in the Masters.

He was not helped by the publicity surrounding the break up of his ten-year marriage, which clearly affected his focus, a facet of his game that has always been a

Faldo is determined to put 1995 behind him and become a force on the world stage again. If he needs a guide to his prospects, it will be provided this week, with all four major champions in action, plus the world No I, Greg Norman.

Faldo has a new set of Mizuno chibs, an unusual two-cover ball from Bridgestone, his suppliers, but, more importantly, the desire to force his way back among the leaders of a sport he dominat-

ed for so long. After slipping to sixth in the world rankings, Faldo is gearing himself for the four-tournament "Florida Swing" at the end of next month, when he will be looking for a confidence-boosting display before attempting to land a third

"Last year wasn't good, I didn't play well and I have to find out why." he said. "I drove the ball consistently but my iron shots weren't good.

I am normally all around the hole with my short irons. When I am playing well, I have something like a dozen chances from inside IS feet, I didn't have that kind of percentage and that's what I've got to get back. I should be able to stand there with any club and knock the ball to within five yards of the flag.

But I am looking forward to this season, I feel good that my game is going to be OK this year. Everything is nice and simple, I don't have any technical thoughts.

"I am just trying to add the finishing touches to my feel. I need to work hard on the short game from a nine-iron down. That is going to be the key." Faldo will also pay close

attention to his concentration and he confessed that was probably another reason for his recent failure to make an impact: "Focus happens naturally and that has always been my best quality, the ability to walk up to the ball and switch on. It didn't happen naturally and that was my problem.

"I had too many thoughts in my head and it chipped away at my confidence. Basically, I was hitting bad shots because I wasn't as 100 per cent sure as I had been in the past." He has yet to finalise his

plans for Europe this year. although his first appearance is likely to be in the PGA Championship at Wentworth. in May. "I may fit in another event around that time but I will concentrate on this circuit until August and my main priority, apart from the maiors, is to have a successful season here," he said.



Faldo believes he must improve his short game and concentration this year

# Thaw frustrates golf eccentrics

By John Hopkins, Golf correspondent

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SNOW had fallen and the frost had bitten so deep into the ground that it made every footfall at Rye Golf Club ring out like a tap dancer's. On Boxing Day, the ground was so hard that many members participated in a club competition using only a driver and

Though golfers throughout the rest of the country would have deplored such conditions, in the sturdy clubhouse at the well-known Sussex club, there was approval of the climate. This was precisely the sort of weather needed for the President's Putter, a competition that starts at Rve and Littlestone golf courses this morning and demonstrates the eccentricities of the English at play.

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Eleven previous winners will be in attendance this year. though not Andy Woolnough, who defeated Michael Mac-Phee in the final 12 months ago, nor Mark Benka, the Oxford captain last year. He has a thesis to complete by mid-January.

Peter Gracey. 74, is making his 47th appearance in the event, while Martin Yates could become the third man to have played 100 or more matches. His total to date is 97. The record of 111 matches is held by the late Gerald

# St Helens may rue absence of Newlove in semi-final

By Christopher Irvine

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running.
Joey Hayes, on the St Helens right wing, and Keiron Cunningham and Apollo Perelini, in the front row, return, but Newlove, the club's recent £500,000 worldrecord signing, has not recovered from foot tendon

Warrington have still to finalise their side. However, lestyn Harris and Mark Jones, their two Wales internationals, and Paul Cullen, the new club captain, will play, while a hip injury in the defeat by Wigan on Monday is not expected to prevent Paul Sculthorpe linking up in the back row with Kelly Shelford. Dave King, the Australian prop. who broke his wrist in the Wigan match, has been ruled out of action for three months.

As well as chasing a first final appearance with St Helens, Bobbie Goulding has a personal target of four points to reach 1.000 in club and international appearances since 1988. More than half the scrum half's scoring output has been in 18 prodigious months at a club where he at last appears settled after spells at Wigan, Leeds and Widnes.
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# Gunnell delights in preparing case for defence

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

WHILE most revellers were seeing in 1996, Sally Gunnell was celebrating a more poignant calendar change. Farewell Injury Year, welcome Olympic Year. One calendar detail she would like noted for 1996: she has changed the date of her thirtieth birthday.

Gunnell leaves her twenties on July 29, the day of her semifinal in defence of her Olympic 400 metres hurdles title. "There will not be much celebrating," she said yester-day. "I will probably not even open a card, or a present, My birthday will be on hold.

She will have it, instead, on August 1, the day after the Olympic final. Then, she hopes, there will be some serious celebrating to do.

For an Olympic champion, there is nothing more daunting than Olympic year. Will the reign last another four

The old year was miserable for Gunnell. She did not race once over 400 metres hurdles. An injury in the area of her right Achilles tendon prevented her from defending her world title: worse still, she lost her world record.
"I was counting down the

days to get to the end of '95," Gunnell said. So, when the new year came, she was ready for it. "It was a relief to get there. I wanted to get that year out of the way." The new year has brought

new hope. In the past fort-night, she has taken a significant step forward in testing her injury over hurdles. "I am really moving on," she said. "I am in spikes, getting my speed back. The strength is

there and I am hurdling." A sure sign of progress is that Gunnell left last night for three weeks' hard training in South Africa. All being well, she will return to racing over 400 metres in the indoor grand prix meeting in Stuttgart on February 4. Any time inside 54 seconds would do. "In 1993, before I broke the

world record, I started off with a 53.6 and finished up with 52.5; if I can race something

said. "What is most important is going to races and getting

that feeling of nerves." Her indoor plan covers four races, but not the European championships, all over 400 metres, followed by spring training and, ideally, seven hurdles races before the Olympic Games. As the Olympics are earlier than is usual for the big championship of

racing outdoors in mid-May. There will be no attempt to avoid her main rivals before Atlanta. She certainly expects to race Kim Batten, her successor as world champion and record-holder with 52.61sec. Gunnell was working for the BBC at the world champion-

the year. Gunnell will start



Gunnell: back in spikes

ships, and the shock of seeing Batten take her record, which nobody had predicted, remains with her.

"Sitting there watching, it never crossed my mind that the world record was going to go," Gunnell said. "I was thrown into interviewing her straight away and was asking her the questions that I wanted answers to."

Now, it is Gunnell's turn to come up with answers. Can she improve on \$2.74sec, her old world record?

"I have always thought I can run faster than that and I still think I am capable of it," she said. "Five people can win in going to be a world record Hopefully, it will be me.

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# Todd turns to familiar face in fight for survival

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

COLIN TODD is losing no time in filling the gap left by the departure of Roy McFarland as the manager of Bolton Wanderers. Todd. McFarland's co-manager until the latter's dismissal on Tuesday night and now in sole charge at Bolton, is expected to appoint Ian Porterfield as the club's new coach today.

Porterfield, 49, the former Reading, Sheffield United, Chelsea and Aberdeen man-Todd called a players' meetager and a former playing colleague of Todd's at Sunderland, was at Burnden Park yesterday for talks with Todd and is likely to be given the job ahead of two other candidates, John Pickering and Frank Stapleton, the former Man-chester United forward. He will then join Bolton's unequal struggle to stay in the FA' Carling Premiership, some-"i've only been at the club

The FA announced yesterday that it will fall in line with the Premier League and allow clubs to field as many European Union nationals as they wish in FA Cup matches this weekend. The FA took legal counsel, which confirmed that there is no basis for it to fulfil the wishes of football's Euro-

thing they must achieve despite being eight points adrift at the bottom of the table.

pean governing body regarding the "three foreigner" rule.

Todd wants an assistant in place before Saturday's awkward FA Cup third-round tie at Bradford City, of the Endsleigh Insurance League, after the traumatic departure of McFarland just six months after he was appointed in succession to Bruce Rioch, now the manager of Arsenal.

Recent events have been a big disappointment for us all." Todd said yesterday. "Roy took the decision very well and we have parted on good terms. We have tried hard this season, but not had too the way of luck.

"We need to look forward and I realise that it is a challenge to keep Bolton in the Premiership. My first priority is to find a right-hand man.

Porterfield is still best re-membered for scoring the winning goal for Sunderland, then of the second division, in their dramatic 1973 FA Cup Final victory over Leeds United, at the time the dominant team in the country. However, his managerial career has given him extensive and, Todd hopes, perhaps invaluable experience of football at all

ing yesterday morning to clear the air and Scott Sellars, an £800,000 signing from New-castle United last month, said: \*Everyone knows being a football manager is precari-ous. It's not a nice thing to happen and my thoughts are with Roy. I am disappointed for him - after all, he brought

for a short time and have never worked under a jointmanager situation before. I was very shocked when I heard the news on television. I had no idea it would happen. [ feel the players must take some of the blame."

Such managerial changes are inconceivable at Newcastle, inspired as they are by the talismanic Kevin Keegan. They stretched their lead at the top of the Premiership back to seven points on Tuesday night with a 2-0 defeat of Arsenal at St James' Park, Goals from David Ginola and Les Ferdinand earned them their eleventh consecutive home victory in the League. Newcastle, too, turn their

attentions to the FA Cup this weekend, meeting Chelsea on Sunday. The west London club may be without Ruud Gullit, who was carried off on a stretcher during the 2-l victory at Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday. Gullit, who returned for Chelsea's gruelling four-match Christmas programme after missing six matches with a calf injury. now has back trouble.

"He has been having problems with the sciatic nerve for a little while now." Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager said. "He is in a fair bit of pain and we won't know how it is for a couple of days."



Hill, the chairman, and Turner, the director of football, join forces with Hereford United's mascot. Photograph: John Potter

# Hill hoping Hereford have last laugh

hould Alan Sugar, the grimace a minute chair-man of Tottenham Hotspur, be confronted by a strange man, sporting an illfitting ginger toupee in the Hereford United boardroom on Saturday, he should nei-ther be alarmed nor consider litigation, Instead, he should greet him warmly. It is only Peter Hill, the Hereford chairman, indulging in his favour-ite pastime of having fun.

Hill, 54. — chartered surveyor, wine bar proprietor, afterdinner speaker and amateur thespian — openly mocks the traditionally staid image of the average club director. "I fool around a bit, I like a prank, and we're always the same at this club, win or lose," There are a lot of good

winners in football but a lot of terrible losers. Whatever the result on Saturday, the Tottenham officials will be entertained, I promise. We'll have a laugh and I'll have the toupee ready jost in case."

Hill once wore the hairpiece in front of Martin Edwards.

chief executive of Manchester

United, and was subsequently



probed as to the state of his sanity. On an occasion when Hill coughed, and the thatch fell off, at a meeting of Football League chairmen. the drop-jawed reaction of many of his colleagues provoked much mirth. Rarely does the White Hart

Lane hierarchy trek to such humble abodes as Edgar Street, deep in livestock land on the England-Wales border with its corrugated fencing, subsiding terracing and burnt-out sportsman's club now a boarded up relic of suspicious circumsta this is the FA Cup third round, against opposition from the lower reaches of the Endsleigh Insurance League third

division, and anything goes.
This is the real world — far removed from the FA Carling Premiership - of overdrafts, crowds of 2,500 and visits Russell Kempson meets the chairman who

will not let defeat spoil his sense of humour

from Rochdale and Hartlepool United.

If the smart suits from north London regard Hill's proposed antics as pure bull, they are right. Before kick-off, Freetown Kudos, the supreme champion at the National Hereford Show, will be paraded in all his one-tonne glory. "Hereford is about hops, cider, cattle and Here-ford United," Hill said. "And we're proud of it all."

His devotion to the cause stretches back long before Hereford replaced Barrow in the League in 1972. "I was once caned at school for missing lessons when I Cup replay," he said.

Hill was a vice-president 24 years ago, when Hereford, still a non-League club, beat Newcastle United with 18.000 packed into Edgar Street. He ioined the board soon afterwards, took control in 1977 and is now one of the longest serving League chairmen.

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**World Series Cup** 

Had Hill and Fry correctly

selected two more numbers on one line of their National Lottery ticket last week, they would have collected substantially more than £99. Problem solved: Premiership here we come. Yet they soldier on, and with a jovial honesty in a tarnished business.

Hereford has endured many torrid chapters, near bankruptcy in 1982 among them. Hill has, too; white Plans are afoot to relocate on the outskirts of the city, feathers nailed to his front door, threatening letters, abu-sive phone calls. In moments of weakness, he has offered to ball. "We could stay here but

it's like pouring money into a bottomless pit," Robin Fry, Humour, though, has helped him through. Like the time he stood to congratulate Robert Maxwell, newly in-stalled at Oxford United, on Darren Peacock, their former the obese one's maiden speech to the assembled League defender, joined Newcastle from Queens Park Rangers, chairmen. Maxwell's face the resale price — £244,000. to that he would still not be go with the original £250,000 received from Rangers. "Unbuying his blend of Maxwell House coffee. Further proof, if fortunately, we don't seem to have another Peacock here it were needed, that Sugar should beware on Saturday.

"One lump or two, Alan?"

# Kafelnikov to be next test for Rusedski

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Brit-ish No I, will meet the top seed, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, in the quarter-finals of the Australian hard court tennis championships after beating Scott Draper, of Aus-tralia, 6-3, 6-2 in Adelaide

yesterday.
"I'm happy with the way I'm playing, my serving and ground strokes were good," Rusedski said after his secondround success. The No 7 seed is trying to make better use of his powerful serve. "I'm trying to play smarter, not go so much for the big serve every time," he said. "I'm trying to mix things up a little more."

# Kerly returns

Hockey: Sean Kerly will return to the National League on February 4 after its winter break. Kerly, the scorer of eight goals for Great Britian's 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning team in Seoul, left Canterbury a couple of seasons ago to join Bournemouth, a South League team, but has now signed for Richmond, who are struggling to avoid relegation from the second division.

### Spinner in clear

Cricket: Muttiah Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka off spinner embroiled in a throwing controversy, took two wickets in a ten-over spell during the 70-run World Series Cup defeat by West Indies in Hobart yesterday. He was not called by either umpire. "We always thought that his howling was OK," Duleep Mendis, the Sri Lanka manag-

# **Easy for Ebdon**

Snooker: Peter Ebdon showed impressive form to reach the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in Birmingham yesterday. Ebdon, the provisional world No 3, overcame Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-3.

# • HEEHAN on BRIDGE

Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson will provide the best British hope for success in the Macallan international pairs. This is a hand played by Forrester in a recent match-pointed pairs event. Dealer East East-West game Match-pointed pairs . A K 10

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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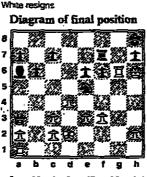
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Challengers in the Hastings Challengers Luke McShane, II, defeated Kim Pilgaard, the Danish expert, and stands equal third with 42 points out of 6. The leaders are Mark Hebden and Miron Sher, each with scores of 5 out of 6. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

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Sports 1 Eastbourne Town 0; Pagham 1
Arundel 2; Shoreham 5 Ringmar 0; Wick 3
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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NAL): Chicago 5 Boston 2: Celgary 10 Tempa Bay 0. BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 5 Stough 4; Humberside 8 Sheffled 3. First division: Billingham 4 Passey 21; Manchester 8 Telford 4; Murrayfield 3 Durnhes 8; Solituli 6 Chalmelard 4. **RUGBY UNION** SWALEC CUP: Fourth round: Postponed: Talywein v Durwent

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Championship: Second round: G skit (38) of S Draper (Aus) 63, 6-2; (b) of K Nucera (Shorida) 6-3, 6-2; (iv) (Russ) bt M Woodbride (Aus) 6 5-1; J Franc (Arg) bt C-U Steeb (G 1-6, 6-1

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated St Helens v Warrington Stones Championship Haffax v Oldham ... First division

FOOTBALL . ICIS LEAGUE: Certion Trophy: Third round: Epsom and Ewell v Lewes. OTHER SPORT

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# Hill banned

sh: Anthony Hill, of Australia, has been banned from the Professional Squash Association world tour for three months and fined £1,400 for offences committed in a number of tournaments.

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best chance of making over-tricks was to establish the clubs, so he cashed the king of clubs, crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed a club. He continued with queen and another spade, drawing the remaining trumps.
When West showed out on

ruffed the fourth round of clubs with his last trump. Now, he led a diamond towards dummy's jack — had East had the queen, Forrester was going to go off. However. after the lead, that was unlikely; in practice, all West could do was take the queen of

- B<u>y Philip</u> Howard

WORD-WATCHING

MALCHUS a. An Amorite king b. An earless man c. An Apocryphal prophet

ARCHELAUS. a. A feeble Ethnarch b. A scoffer and disbeliever c. A rich young man

a. David's jilter b. The Transjordan desert . c. Another name for Baal COZBI

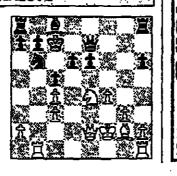
a. A primitive KOSB b. Proto-Aramaic · Answers on page 42

By Raymond Keene White to move. This position is from the game Bareev -Kosten. Hastings Premier,

1990. White has a very active position and now forced a decisive breakthrough. Can you see what he played?

Solution on page 42

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# Dublin Flyer grounded for Sandown

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IT IS a case of two steps forward, one step back as far the rescheduled King George VI Tripleprint Chase is concerned.

Master Oats has rejoined the cast and Josh Gifford confirmed yesterday that Brief Gale has sufficiently recovered from a minor injury to reappear at Sandown on Saturday. But Dublin Flyer, a 10-1 chance, has literally been frozen out of contention.

Dublin Flyer's enforced absence is galling for his trainer, Tim Forster, whose Martha's Son was an earlier King George withdrawal through injury. The ten-year-old remains in one piece, although connections will be disappointed at missing the chance to test him against the best at level weights.

John Sumner, the gelding's owner, said: "Captain Forster has not been able to do enough work with him. We thought there was no point running if he was not ready, so we will wait for another day - possi-bly the John Bull Chase at Wincanton."

If the weather has hijacked Dublin Flyer's ambitions, it has earned a reprieve for Brief Gale. Had it taken place on Boxing Day the mare would have missed the big event with a minor leg wound. But her trainer, Josh Gifford, now throws her in at the deep end with some reservations.

"I'd have liked a prep race before sending her for such a tough race," the trainer said. "It's far from ideal, but she is

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Air Shot (left) gets the better of No Pain No Gain in the Sevenoaks Novices' Chase at Lingfield yesterday

very well. Time is ticking by: we've got to start somewhere." Brief Gale's principal target is the Cheltenham Gold Cup, in which Gifford hopes to be doubly represented. He indicated that Bradbury Star, off the track with an injured

hock, is to resume cantering Saturday is something of a crunch day for the Gifford stable. In addition to Brief Gale, Major Summit defends

his unbeaten record over

fences in the ING Barings

Novices' Chase and As Des Carres, the French chaser destined for the Grand National, makes his British debut in the Tolworth Hurdle.

Gifford is working hard to qualify As Des Carres for an official rating, although the handicapper will note that the nine-year-old has already mastered the King George bound pair, Algan and Val D'Alene, in France this sea-

Still on the King George front. Kim Bailey has yet to

engage a jockey for Master Oats. With Graham Bradley aboard the Irish challenger, Merry Gale, Bailey is to delay a decision until Jamie Osborne is firmly committed to partnering Coulton. Heavy rain would almost certainly promot Coulton's defection. leaving Osborne free for Master Oats.

Martin Pipe served notice that his string remained fit throughout the freeze-up with three winners at Exeter on Monday. It was the Somerset trainer who suffered in the cold spell, having tumbled from his bicycle. Pipe looked a shade ginger when the band-wagon rolled on to Lingfield yesterday but a 31-1 double. courtesy of Valiant Toski and Terao, quickly put the spring

back into his step.
Pipe's training feat was
matched by the David Nicholson stable, another to stay on the move through the Arctic blast. Nicholson's vard, situated high up in the Corswolds. did not see a flake of snow over Christmas and this was reflected by Air Shot's gradual wearing down of No Pain No Gain in the Sevenoaks Novices Chase over two miles. Air Shot jumped with

apiomb and appears a talented recruit to the bigger obstacles. However, pride of place vesterday belonged to his stablemate, St Mellion Fairway, who made hacks of his opponents in the Haxted Novices' Chase over three miles.

The horse occasionally betrayed his inexperience, particularly when he ran down the last two fences.

# McCloy becomes **BHB** director

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

MATTHEW McCLOY was chosen as a director of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) yesterday - exactly ten weeks after his muchpublicised arrest in New York and subsequent admis-

sion of disorderly conduct. An attempt by trainers and breeders, supported by bloodstock representatives, to postpone the election for a vacant BHB seat failed to gather sufficient support at a meeting of the BHB's industry committee, chaired by McCloy.

After the delaying plan was thwarted, McCloy was nominated as a candidate by Bill Adams, representing stable staff. No other candidates were proposed, negat-ing the need for an election. The BHB industry com-

minee unanimously agreed today that its chairman, Matthew McCloy, should succeed Michael Darnell as a BHB industry member and director for four years with effect from June 7. 1996," a BHB statement stated.

"Matthew McCloy's was the sole nomination received within the time-scale agreed by the committee on December 5. A proposal that the time allowed for nominations should be extended was considered, but this was rejected by the committee by a significant majority."

McCloy, who has been a co-opted but non-voting member of racing's ruling body since his election as industry committee chairman last year, said vesterday he was "delighted."

There is plenty of work to be done and there are some big matters coming up. not least the development with the Board of a financial strategy. I am looking forward very much to the next four years, particularly 1996. which is going to be a big

year for racing," he added. The time-scale set for the election last month meant nominations had to be submitted by yesterday, with voting taking place on January 17. The National Trainers' Federation and Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), which have been critical of McCloy's conduct sought to have the

deadline for nominations and the election extended. Had they succeeded, it is believed McCloy would have resigned as industry committee chairman.

Rhydian Morgan-Jones, president of the TBA said that although breeders remained convinced that deferring the election would have been in the best interests of racing and McCloy, the matter was now closed and "we regard McCloy as an able chairman."

# NOTTINGHAM

12.20 KING LUCIFER (nap) 12.50 Tamergale

2.20 Fox On The Run 2.50 General Tonic 3.20 My Rossini

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 BRAES OF MAR.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

12.20 WEST BRIDGFORD HOVICES CHASE

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584-25 BALLYMISKY 20 (8) (Mr. 8 Reastagh) 5 Miero 7-11-5
534-PP6 BORD HBL 1-5 (R. Alsosp) R. Alsosp 7-11-5
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3121-22 (MRG LUCKER) 19 (8) 6.3. (J. Wess) D. Nictockon 7-11-5
57/255 OCEAN LEADER 852 (P.) P. Gibblogs) Mr. D. Halte 9-11-5
26 PRICES HBL 20 (8) (B. Sem N. Basky 9-11-5
P. ROBBLRSH HOUSE 27 (M. Alsten) G. Baiding 7-11-5
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225-579 JARRHANH 19 (S) (A. Carbost) J. Spearing 8-11-0
225-579 JARRHANH 19 (S) (A. Carbost) J. Spearing 8-11-1

BETTRIG: 7-4 King Luciler, 8-1 Cropnedy Lad., 10-1 Ballyinggy, Price's Hill., 12-1 Amber Reelin., 14-1 Ocean Leader, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

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202 53-5465 THE MINDER 24 (\$) (6 Edwards) G Ethands 9-12-0 ... D Saler 94

203 POTR-3F DERRING VALLEY 34 (\$),6.5) (A King) A Josep 17-17-17-3 ... S Carran 93

204 1250-F1 TAMERICALE 95 (\$F.5) (Alers R Vacquen) N Tersion-Davies 7-11-10 S Joynes 88

205 F04-373 DOMRINE 19 (\$3) (A Heres) K Bulley 8-11-9 ... T J Marphy 96

206 30-P212 BARRYDEN 15 (C.BF.6) (Aler M Bischourne) W Bresbourne 7-11-9 R Massey 92

207 50/25-0 BED DEE BDY 33 (DG) (Ales E Ladov) P Carrie B-11-5 ... B Festons 94

208 50/100 05MSSS 756 (F.6) (Al Mellersh) D Marray Smith 10-11-4 ... G Hogen 155Ppp K MAZARI 18 (DJ.F.6.5) (Mis A Button) A Button 8-11-1 ... D Wisish 96

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BETTING: 4-1 Cool Burner, 5-1 Woodford Gale. Bushear Boy, 8-1 Take The Buckston, Camp Bank, 10-1 Depart s Way, 12-1 others

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Selection: COOL RUNNER

1.50 ARNOLD HANDICAP CHASE (E3.242: 3m 3f 110vd) (10 runners) 

BETTING: 9-4 Bezurepake, 7-2 The Bud Club, 5-1 Mobile Messenger, 6-1 Pernare Profe. 8-1 Westecti Boy, 16-1 others

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303- CARELESS FARMER 488 AM Sectory N Transcon-Davet 6-11-9

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2.50 CLIFTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(C3.224 2m) (22 FURTHERS)

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BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park, 100 Erling 130 Golden Punch, Saltis Nottingham: 120 Damas Sedgefield: 110 Orchidama.

### 3.20 WEST BRIDGFORD NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £3,582: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

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BETTING, 3-1 Brass Of May, 4-1 Footnetscorptory, 6-1 Jackson Flord, 8-1 The Booley House, 10-1 My Rossin Duke Of Lancaster Rivers End, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS

BRAES OF MAR beat Ground had 41 in 5-notices rounce chase at Utinosties (3m 31, good to firm) on perultimate start. MY ROSSINI best ettori over perultimate start. MY ROSSINI best ettori over hundles when 121 Shi to Putly Road in Sun Alliance novice chase at Southwell (3m, good) DIKKE OF LANCASTER 1'41 2nd of 4 to The Bud Club in Selection: BRAES OF MAR

3.50 HUCKHALL STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,721 2m) (25 runners)

MRSHTY MASS 30 (S) (N. Huszby) D Micholson 5-11-12 Ma ST MELLION DRIVE 28 (S) (S) Madion Estate; M Pipe 6-11-12 MID DAY CHASTE 27 (F) (Tozen Razmy, P Webber 5-11-7 I BLUSTERY DAY (Narazah Razimy, R Alber 5-11-5 80STON MAN (M Oldman) R Webmoles 5-11-5 TO RESIGNAL ALL CHASTON M CHASTON MAN (M CHASTON M CHASTON M CARTON M CHASTON M PENTLANDS, FLYEN (Mrs. M. Bird) N Twiston-Domes 5-11-5
SMALLAGAMBLE (Mrs. E Berselord) M Pipe 6-17-5
SOUDOWNN (K Kenson) M Aroson 5-11-5
THE COCKERTOO (Mrs. J Balley) J Multins 5-11-5
UPSTREAM TOROMTO (L'osnove) Miss C (Aringse 5-11-5
WINDDLE STREET (Son Clement Freud) & Balding 5-11-5
GOOD BOING GAME (D Obons) W Jenis 5-11-0
RIVER BAY (Rivermond Resurg) Miss H Anglet 5-11-0
SMART APPRIDACH (Mrs. M Thompies) Mrs. M Reveley 6-11-0
AVDISSIN Light Resurg) & Bargery 4-10-7
GOODS SOUAD NV McKeburn) VI McKeburn 4-10-7

BETTING 3-1 Mighty Mass. 7-2 St Methon Drive. 5-1 Smart Approach, 8-1 Shaklagamble. 18-1 Mai Day Chase 14-1 Haufegulo Chonus. 16-1 Menter, 20-1 others

MIGHTY MOSS best Poter's Gate 31 in 16-turner National Hunt Fut race at Huntengdox (2m 210yd. good to soft) ST MELLION DRIVE beat Engineric Huntengdox (2m 210yd. good to soft) ST MELLION DRIVE beat Engineric Huntengdox (2m 13-turner NA) Flat race at Doccasies (2m 14) firm) HARLEQUUN CHORRUS 151 4th of 20 to Sepandictor at NF Flat race at Haydock (2m, good) race over course and distance (good to soft) MIO Selection: MIO DAY CHASER

Wolverhampton

1.35 (1m 100yd) 1. Dodor Brevious (M Ferton, 7-2, Newmarket Correspondent's raph, 2, Peptoy (9-2) 3 Scenara (9-1) Motor Aspecto 11-4 tay 10 ran (9, 3) M Bell Tore £5.36 (1.3.0, £2.30, £2.90 DF £28.10 Tho £33.10 CSF £20.27

2.05 (Im ti 79yd) 1 Maple Bay (P Roberts 13-2) 2. Beauman (7-1) 3 Price Ridge Lad 13-2] Almuflagam 7-4 tay 11 rad 7-3, 1 st A Balley Tota £8 10, £200, £370, £300 DF £890 This £47 50 CSF £49 65 Tricest, £263 98

235 (In 61 166yd) 1 Lear Dencer (A Clark 14-1); 2 High Parraich (12-1) 3, Shakiyi (100-30), Noyan 7-4 lev 10 ran Hd, 111 P Michel Tote £9.90 (2:60 (2:50, £1.90 DF £29.50 Tho £43.80 CSF £155.34 Tricast £635.76

3.05 (7) 1. Ashgore (J Weaver, 14-1) 2 High Premium (6-1): 3 Pengamon (10-1) Netweest 41: ptax 9 ran 29-1, tiel M Johnston Tore C14-60, 23-20 C1 30 C6-80 DF 28-40 Tno C113-10 CSF C116-68 Ticast C1 (966-64).

11-25 5 100 5 6 1 1 Myster Tempo (R Cochrane, 11-4) 2, Marino Sheet (9-4 fsv) 3, Miss Pict-pocket (5-1), 10 ran '1, 1 J Scargill Tore C3-40 C1 40 C1 10 C2 00 DF C9-30 Tro E7-50 CSF 59-62 Bought in 3,200 ps

4.05 (9) 1, Cheeky Chappy (P Fessor, 6-4 feet; 2, The Institute Boy (8-1) 3, The Real Whitzbang (13-2) 9 ran 1, 3 ID Chapman Tote, 52 60 62 50 61 10, 62 40 DF 510 60 Tho £18 80 CSF £13 25 Tricast £55 76

Placepot: 229 50. Quadpot: 268 90 (part wort: pool of £27.96 canted forward to Nortingham (oday).

# Garolo wins for Brooks

GAROLO, trained by Charlie Brooks and ridden by Graham Bradley, gave Britain its first overseas success of 1996 when making all in the Prix Jacques Pinel De Grandchamp at Cagnes-Sur-Mer yesterday. Garolo won at the generous odds of 27.2-1. He. along with Padre Mio and Couldn't Be Better, will now have a holiday in Pisa. Italy.

# SEDGEFIELD

12.40 High Penhowe. 1.10 Kimberley Boy. 1.40 Locknagrain. 2.10 Son Of Iris. 2.40 Irish Gent. 3.10 Cumbrian Rhapsody. 3.40 Cutthroat Kid.

GOING: GOOD (7.30 INSPECTION)

# 12.40 SOCIAL CLUB MARIES ONLY MAIDEN

(Drv I, £2,157 2m 5f 110yd) (10 numers) | 1. DASY DAYS 294 (5) J Howard Johnson 6-11-4 ... G Upton ... |
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| 2. P6- DERRY'S DELICHT 285P I Enteropton 9-11-4 ... L Wyer ... |
| 3. O- GAME PORT 402 D Land 7-11-4 ... A Manness (7) ... |
| 4. O-60 High PEHROW IS 15 Olumn 8-11-4 ... D Bytes 90 |
| 5- PF JW GORRY 17 J Doubs 7-11-4 ... B Harding (3) 90 |
| 6- 410 RASCALLY 27 Miss 1 Saddal 6-11-4 ... B Surrey ... |
| 7- O-55 SILVER PEHRY 15 N Chambertan 6-11-4 ... B Surrey ... |
| 16-2 TUSAN 297 (F.6) Mrs 5 Boarnal 3-11-4 ... Mr K Whatlen (5) |
| 9 PWINSKEY DITCH 33 Wrs M Revelop 5-11-4 ... P Name ... |
| 10 5-55 RARY ROCK 27 R Marray 4-10-5 ... O Pears 90 |
| 10 5-55 RARY ROCK 27 B Marray 4-10-5 ... O Pears ... |

2-1 Dzcy Days, Tugas 8-1 Ruby Rock 10-1 Rassaffy, 12-1 High Penhaws, Darry's Deligia, fithissey Disch 16-1 others

1.10 CORNER SHOP SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2.094 2m 11 110yd) (15)

1 0-04 STATELY HOME 19 P Bowen 5-12-0 ... R. Johnson (3) 87
2 P23P DEEP DAWN 20 (B.S.) S Clast 13-11-13 ... Miss R Clark (7) 94
2 P23P DEEP DAWN 20 (B.S.) S Clast 13-11-13 ... R Mariny 94
2 1045 20CLUSON 21 (F) J Restation 7-11-13 ... R Mariny 94
2 003- LYARKED CARD 250 Mrs. M Kendall 8-11-5 ... Mirs. M Kendall 85 0060 AUGHEN 14 Mrs. 12 (F, 6.5) J Parks 10-11-8 ... A Double 0 0-00 PIER THATTY 6066 22 (F, 6.5) J Parks 10-11-8 ... A Double 0 0-4 PLEENALD VENTURE 28 (F, 6.5) F Parks 10-11-8 ... D Modital 2
3 F-41 MINDERLEY BOY 36 (F) Mrs. M Peweley 6-10-11 ... P Niven 83
3 F-41 MINDERLEY BOY 36 (F) Mrs. M Peweley 6-10-11 ... P Niven 83
10 SIGGU SYNTIEGALESPRINCESS 20 B Eleison 5-10-7 ... B Standing (3) 86
11 PSS OPHERDOMNA 1959 P Reservant 6-10-0 ... B Standing (3) 86
12 PSS OPHERDOMNA 1959 P RESERVANT 6-10-0 ... B Standing (3) 86
14 - 000 THARRSS 15 (F, 6.) W Smith 11-10-0 ... S Taylor (7) 90
15 00-0 THOLAAS RAND 38 M Dock 7-10-0 ... N Smith 15 00-0 THOLAAS RAND 38 M Dock 7-10-0 ... N Smith -

1.40 SEDGEFIELD CRICKET CLUB NOVICES CHASE (E3.163; 2m 1f) (8)

7-2 Kombanier Boy 5-1 Stately Harme, 6-1 Endamon, 7-1 Orchidanta, 8-1 Emerald Venture, 12-1 Cees Caval, Dozen Datam, 14-1 others

(23, 103, 20) (11 (0)

1. 0.35 CLIVINE 28 T tole 6-11-7

2. 5-15 DEFULRY 37 (6.5) 5 Manot 6-11-2

3. 32-2 LOCHMAGNAN 26 (5) Mrs. M Revoley 8-11-2

4. 65 MACCOMAGNE 20 M Dock 9-11-2

5. 3333 SAMELEAM ES 20 (F) J. Wisson 5-11-2

4. A Domini 92 (6.3) Min. Manusim 7-11-2

7. 1072 OLD ALE 20 (F) J. Daris 6-11-2

1. O'Hara 72

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2. O-OS PREMER FIRST 42 J. Mellens 7-11-2

3. LOCATION OF ALE 20 (F) J. Davis 9-11-2

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### 2.10 GEORGE MULCASTER MEMORIAL CUP (7) (7) (7) (Handican chase: £3.925; 2m

1 0240 ANDRELDT 19 (8.F.G) P Boven 9-12-0 ... R Johnson (3) 94
2 SUU DARK DAK 19 (8.S.5) Cortes 10-11-11 ... U O'Hara 95
3 23/2 HOUBHTON 47 (20.F.6.S.) Housed Jeruson 10-11-50 Upton 95
4 1618 SWORD BEACH 17 (2.F.6.S.) Mrs M Renetly 12-11-3 R Carnty 95
5 F2-0 SON OF R65 40 (20.F.6.S.) Has M Renetly 12-11-3 R Carnty 95
6 3-3/3 CROSS CANNON 55 (20.F.6.J Heless 10-0-10 T Reed 93
7 P-35 WAIT YOU THERE 17 (20.F.6.S.) H Alexander 11-10-8 L Wyer 63
4 Material Research 11 (20.F.6.S.) H (20.F.6.S. 9-4 Hooghton, 7-2 Sward Seach, 9-2 Son OI Ins., 5-1 Andrefot, 6-1 Dark Oak, 12-1 Was, You There, 16-1 Cross Cannon.

2.40 crosshill hotel movices chase

3.10 SOCIAL CLUB MARES ONLY MAIDER HURDLE (Div II £2,157 2m 5l 110yd) (10)

5-4 Combrien Rhapsady, 3-1 AB On, 8-1 Mattes image, 10-1 others.

3.40 CEDDESFELD HALL HANDICAP HURDLE

3-1 Mocedenim, 7-2 Cultimost Rid. 6-2 Aye Crossing, 5-1 Profe Of May, 6-1 Steamon Gloo, Weever George, 5-1 Motable Exception, 12-1 others,

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: P Bowen, 3 winners from 3 humors, 100 Oft, T Tale, 5 from 16, 31,3%, Mrs M Reveley, 67 from 221, 30,3%, M H Easterby, 20 from 89, 22,5%, J Helitons, 14 from 66, 21,2%, JOCKEYS: P Niven, 59 winners from 174 rides, 33 9%, L Wyer, 23 from 104, 22,1%; J Carllegters, 19 from 112, 17 0%; E Markey, 5 from 33, 15,2%, T Reed, 9 from 78, 11 5%

# LINGFIELD PARK

1.00 Chez Catalan. 1.30 Fresh Fruit Daily. 2.00 Domettes. 2.30 Pageboy, 3.00 Tadellal, 3.30 Time Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 Pip's Dream. 1.30 RAINBOW TOP (nap). 3.00 Risky Tu.

GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1.00 ROLLING STONE HANDICAP

(£2,874: 1m 4f) (13 runners) 

9-4 Chez Catalan 11-4 Talested Ting, 9-2 Never Sp Pile 5-1 Ora Georgy, 10-1 Pip's Dream, 12-1 Water Hazard 14-1 Edwing, 16-1 others 1.30 BAD PENNY MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,779: 1m 2l) (11) 9-4 Fresh Fruit Daily, 7-2 Rainbow Top 4-1 Secret Spring, 9-2 Errard, 7-1 Rainbo Rooster, 8-1 Legal Drama, 14-1 Sains, 16-1 others.

2.00 SYTTCH IN TIME CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3.060: 1m) (7)

2-1 Domestes, 11-4 Rountendsons Cherm, 4-1 Be My Bird, 5-1 Row, 8-1 Registrout. Cent, 10-1 Multi Franchisc, 16-1 Robert Emperor

### 2.30 TOO MANY COOKS HANDICAP (£3,103: 6f) (10)

1 224- SPEEDY CLASSIC 17 (CD.F.S) M Heaton-Eth: 7-9-10

2 220. MR.OS 17 (C.D.F.G) T Mandron 5-9-9 T 3 004 PAGEBOY 101 (B.CD.F.G) P Hactam 7-9-5 4 E20. DARFMAN 112 (D.F.) S 1 Moore 5-9-2 5 BES. RANDOM 40 (C.G. C strots 5-9-0 ... 5 UD4. WARM HEARTED 16 A Newcombe 4-9-0 M 7 002-3 DOO- HOCKCRACKER 20 (D.F.) 6 Margarton 4-8-12 ... A CL 9 446- MENTAGUE DAWSON 34 (CD.6) Mr.: N Marcadey 4-8-12 10 535- FORT KNOX 20 (B,C,F,G) R Flower 5-8-9 .

4-: Speech Clastic, 9-2 Random, 5-1 Distant Dynassy, 6-1 Melos, Fort Knox, 7-1. Warm Hearled, 8-1 Michiague Dawson, 10-1 others

3.00 MANY HANDS LIMITED STAKES

2.C., 140. THE 21 (TO)

1 164. RNAL 98D 17 (CD.F.6.S) Mr. N Macauley 8-9-5
Amanda Sanders (S) 5

2 012. AWESOME POWER 29 (CD.6.) J Hilts 10-9-3

3 201. UABDLORD 29 (B.D.F.G.) 1 Tober 4-9-1

W Newmers 10

4 254. TADELLAL 201 (CD.6.) W 6 W Tames 5-9-1

W Coston (7) 8

5 500. EMANCEY FELL 113 (P) A moy 5-9-0.

B Cockings

6 / SECRETARY OF STATE 221 (D.F.S.) 0 Artistmol 10-9-0

C Runner 9 7 301- 107sL RACH 17 (B.CD.F.B) R Ingram 4-8-13 8 006- BLASTED 57 (F) G Thomas 4-8-12 J 9 324- RISKY TU 17 GD F Kellenoy 5-8-9 B 10 300- THORNIWAMA 313 / Bridger 5-8-9 G 44 Landloot 7-2 Apesome Power 4-1 Tadellal, 5-1 Total Rach, 7-1 Secretary Ol Stage 5-1 Engal End, 12-1 Ristry To 14-1 Others

3.30 BIRD IN THE HAND HANDICAP 13-Y-0: £3.673: 71) (6)

1 412- VICTIM OF LOWE 25 (D.G) R Charlton 9-7 ... 5 Sanders 1 2 614- BAN2HAF 29 (CD.G) G L Moor 9-2 ... 5 Whitecorth 4 3 012- THE CLASH 16 (C.F.G, B Perling 8-13 ... 5 D Williams 2 4 000- MAPLE BURL 59 5 Dow 8-12 ... 5 D Williams 3 0 Dings 6 025- BELLS OF HOLLAND 34 W Moor 8-5 ... Jean-Pierre Lopez 5 5 50-4 COPPER BRIGHT 2 (V) P Haskam 7-10 ... M Baird (5) 2 5-2 Victor Di Love, 11-4 Time Clash, 7-2 Baumal, 4-1 Copper Bright, 7-1 Bells Of Holland, Maple Bull

COURSE SPECIALISTS

LINGRED PARK Trainers: K kk-Auble, 9 womes from 43 runners, 20.9% R Hannon, 19 from 114, 16.7%, J Hille, 11 from 74, 14.9% M Mart, 22 from 151, 14.6%, P Restan, 9 from 64, 14.1%, R lagram, 11 from 82, 15.4% Junkays: R Cochrane, 37 womens from 222 roles, 16.7%, 5 Whitmorth, 19 from 121, 15.7% Amonds Sandres, 6 from 42, 14.3%, M Wighten, 7 from 60, 11.7%, S O Williams, 3 from 26, 11.5%, A Class, 22 from 193, 11.4%.
NOTTINGHAMA: Trainers: J Glover 4 womets from 14 runners, 28.6%, D Gandolfo, 3 from 11, 27.3%, Mrs. M Reveley, 9 from 38, 23.7%, V Balley, 7 from 90, 23.3%, J Spearing, 3 from 13, 23.1%, Life I Medica, 15 from 13, 23.1%, Life I Medica, 23.0%, R Farrant, 5 from 22, 22.7%, Kr. M Farrant, 5 from 22, 22.7%, Mrs. M Farrant, 5 from 22, 22.7%, Mrs. M Farrant, 7 from 37, 18.9%; A Magatire, 10 from 66, 17.9%, M Dayer, 11 from 67, 16.4%

# YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Lingfield Park
Gong: soft (chase course), heavy (hurdles)
1220 (2m: 110yd hdie) 1, Denter (S. Ryan,
74 lav), 2, Sofatum (S-1) 3, The Quad's
(10-1) 15 ran NRI Monks Soham,
Shadriwan 61, 12 R Akehurst 10te: £2 40;
£1.30, £1.20, £2 60 DF £6 40 Tho £8 00
CSF-£10 69
12.50 (2m: 110yd hdie) 1, klingdom 01
Shades (P. Carberry, Evens lav Private
Handicapper's top reinigi 2, Mirosovski
(10-1) 2, King's Gold (14-1) 16 ran NRI,
Swinging Sohies 391, 151 A Turnell Tote
£1.70, £1.20, £7.20, £2.40 DF £2.2 70 Tho:
£3.90 CSF-£12 68
1.20 (2m ch) 1, All Shot (A Maguire 5-2
lav); 2, No Pain No Gen (4-1), 3, fixed
Losse (8-1) 10 ran Ns. (21 D Nicholson
Tote £3 60; £1.70 £1.20, £1.90 DF £8.00
This £2.79 CSF-£12 47
1.50 (2m: 110yd hdie) 1, Valient Tosko (D

Into 127 90 CS - 112 47 1.50 (2m 110yd pde) 1, Valiant Tosku (D Bridgwater, 3-1), 2, Leos (10-1), 3, Latin Leader (2-1 fay) 11 fan 11 151 M Poor Tote, C360, £160, £290, £130 DF £24 10, Thor £19 40 CSF £31 47 No bid

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PENNINE PRIDE (1.50 Nottingham) Next best: Woodford Gale (1.20 Nottingham)

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Terao (D Bhdgwater, 7-1), 2, Mad Thyme (14-1), 3 Change The Act (7-1) Districtive 7-2 (1-fev (pd) 9 fan 35-1, 101 M Pipe Tole (7-50, 52-00, 63-60, 51,70 OF 571.20 The 553-30 CSF 683-36 Tincast 6641 18. 2.50 (3m 110yd ndie) 1, Blazon Of Troy (G 250 CSF (1927) 2. Persoph (12-1), 3. Munish (10-30) Sports View 9-4 tay 9 ran Ne, 8 T Thomson Jones Tote £10.10 12-60, 32-30, 52-50 DF 564-30 Trig £68.70 CSF £122.70 Tricast £531-15 3.20 (3m ch) 1, St Mellion Fairway (A Maguire 1-4 lav), 2, Highland Jack (9-1), 3, Teamader (33-1), 3 ran, 1-1, 5 r Nacholson Tote \$1.60, £1.00, £2.00, £3.20 DF £4.60 Too £4.20 CSF, £2.46 3.50 (2m 3l 110)d hole; 1. Tickerty's Gift IM Athresier, 7-2); 2, Enviropaldrod's (7-4 les), 3. Time Enough (5-1); 7 ran NR Megamunch Dest, [2] G I. Moore Tore, 24.50; 22.30, 21.90 DF 64.70 CSF 69.78. Tingest 526.46

Jackpot £18,135 30.

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# THE TIMES THURSDAY JANUARY 4 1996 PADIO CHOICE

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# China: threat or lesson?

The economies of China and Hong Kong are viewed through a political filter in Edward Stourton's four-part series. The backcloth is painted by the International Monetary Fund, specifically its forecast that, during this decade, Asian economies will account for half the world's growth. The question Asia Gold comprehensively answers in episode one is whether the West should profit from the Chinese experience, or feel threatened by it. Now that China has begun to enjoy the fruits of economic freedom, will it think it is time to taste political freedom too? In the case of Hong Kong, Asia Gold suggests that the last thing China wants to take on in 1997 is a laboratory for democracy.

Tales of the Bizarre. Radio 4, 11.00pm.

I could argue against Ray Bradbury's theory that machines are simply reproducers of the basic truths that we all carry around with us, but I doubt if many science fiction writers could more effectively dramatise the proposition. In his story I Sing the Body Electric, Bradbury creates a rechargeable AC/DC electrical grandma (Buffy Davis). She knows everything about the world's political history, and can but or in Ill languages. It is a lucky family that acquires her can tutor in Il languages. It is a lucky family that acquires her because she promises that she will give all of them what they most need: "I will be all the things a family forgets it is." Christmas gifts do not come any better.

FM Stereo 4.00em Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Jo Whiley, incl. at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeet and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Parade 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Claire Sturgess, incl 12.15am The Net

6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Bran Matthew, Incl at 10.00 Pick of the HRs Metinew, Incl at 10,00 Hck of the Hiss 11.30 Jimmy Young 2,00pm Debbie Thrower 3,30 Ed Slewert 5,05 John Dunn 7,00 Change at Oglethorpe 7,30 Devid Allan 9,00 Paul Jones 10,00 Latino Nuevo Latin music (1/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Adrian Finighan incl at 1.30 Pause for Thought

### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.05am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 8.35 The Magazne 9.45 DIY Hell 11.00 Gul Reaction zne 9,45 DY Heil 11,00 Guf Peacton 12,00 Middey with Mair 12,34pm Monsycheck 1.15 Entertainment News 2,05 Ruscoe on Five, Incl at 3,15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3,45 Entertain-ment News 4,00 John Inverdale Nation-wide 7,00 News Extra 7,35 World Cup Crickel, Peter Beater recalls the 1975 Journament 8,05 Women on Top 9,05 SportsAmenca 10,65 News Talk 11,00 Night Extra 12,05em Night Moves 2,05 Lo All Night

18.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Arna Raebum 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lown Turner 7.00 Sean

# All times in GMT. 5.00am Nev

5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Peter Pan 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Path 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Path 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Path 8.15 Composer of the Month 8.45 Books 9.00 News in German 9.15 Sport 10.00 Newsdask 10.30 BBC Engisti 10.45 Peter Pan 11.00 Newsdask 11.30 Man, Machine and Music 12.00 News 12.05 pm World Busitiess 12.15 Entam 12.30 Assignment 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Outbook 2.30 Multitrack X-Press 3.00 News in German 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Network UK 4.00 News 4.15 The World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.00 Newsdask 6.30 News in German 7.00 News 7.01 Outbook 7.25 Fath 7.30 John Peel 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Entain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newsdask 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.10 Take Five 11.15 Network UK 11.45 Health Mid-night Newsdask 12.30 am On the Move 12.45 Entain Today 1.00 News 1.10 Press 1.15 Surviving the 20th Century 1.45 Gertain Congress 2.00 News 1.14 Press 1.15 Surviving the 20th Century Carew 3.00 World News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Feith 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe

9,00 Henry Kelly 12,00 Susannah Simons 2,00pm Lunchitma Concerto 3,00 Jamie Crick 6,00 Newsnight 6,30 Sonate 7.00 The Travel Guide. Singa-pore 8.00 Concert 10.00 Robert Booth ent Hits Through the Night

### VIRGIN RADIO 6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00em Robin Banks

6.00 On Air. Rechmaninov (Haif, O Virgin Mother of God; Glory to God in the Highest), Rebel (Les Berneris); Dvotak (Noctume in B, Op 40); Weber (Symphony No 2 in C); Trad, air Koutey (Todora); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da

Pimini)
Morning Collection with
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Debussy (Pour le Piano);
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(Diferencias sobre, La dama
le demanda); Brahms (Alto
Rhapsody); Varèse (Density
21.5), Haydin (Symphony No.
39); Mendelssohn (String
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12.00 Composer of the Week:
Elger Penny Gore visits
Brinkwells, the Sussex
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cottage where the composer spent several summers during the First World War, and talks to the pianist David Owen Morris. Moths and Butterflies, Wand of Youth Suite No 2; Le drapeau bèlge; Piano Quintet, first movement; The Wind at Dawn (r)

1.00 Opera Mostinde. Florence Maggio Musicale Chorus and Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch performs Der Freischutz by Carl Maria von Weber, a singspiel in three

Weber, a singspiel in three acts to a text by Johann Friedrich Kind, With Bons Trajanov and Giorgio Surjan. Sung in German Sonata): Colin Matthews

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Andrew Motion on Christian mysticism, the lure of the East, the transcendental and the occult. Music by Vaughan Williams, Bax, Ireland. Tippett, Tavener, Foulds, Holst and Defus (r)
7.30 Amsterdam Mahler
Festival. The festival ends with Mahler's Summborn, No.

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9.15 Cultural Buggage. The history and cultural significance of the sole, from the Ottoman Empire to the couch potato (4/20)

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Match Special (LW only).
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# Skaters and curlers relish the chill by reviving historic contests



Fenland skaters get set for the off, in a rare opportunity to practise their sport in preparation for speed racing on the frozen waters. Photograph: Julian Herbert

# Taking tradition out of the deep freeze

t the first few icicles and sniff of snowflakes in the air, most of British sport groans, sinks into despair and declares a crisis. Big Freeze Hits Sport, crackle the headlines. Horse racing clatters to a halt, football kicks along only where there is the artificial pitch-doctoring of undersoil heating or, as in the case of Middlesbrough, a ground-covering duvet. I even turned up for a sevenmile foot race on Wimbledon Common at the weekend to find that it had

been frozen off. Yet the sportsmen who bleat at their fixtures being hit by a snap of cold weather should spare a thought itional that rely on a decent freeze - for them, the winter days are all too few and never cold enough.

Last week, they held the ice skating championship of the Fens for the first time for three years, and the greatest nutdoor curling match of all - the Bonspiel, or Grand March — has taken place only 33 times in the past 150 winters.

Smart sportsmen such as curiers and Fenland skaters do not fight the weather; they make the most of it. They are in a long tradition. In the days before sport became something you watched rather than took part in,

a cold spell was seen as an opportuni-

ty for people to get out and enjoy themselves. Skating, for instance, is very ancient, and the early equipment, though primitive, made it

genuinely a sport for all. A vivid report of the use of bone skates, which were generally the shin-bone of a deer or a horse, was written 800 years ago by a clerk to Archbishop Thomas a Becket, in a description of London. "When the great fenne or moore (which washeth the walles of the citie on the north side) is frozen, many young people play upon the yeer some tie bones to their feete and under their heeles, and shoving themselves by a little picked fiveth in the air or an arrow out of a

cross-bow. winters really have Perhaps changed a lot. Certainly curling, which is rather like a heavyweight game of bowls on ice, was for centuries an exclusively outdoor game. A few frozen days would draw whole communities in Scotland out on to the ice, work abandoned, as neighbouring parishes played challenge matches. Yet, since the first indoor game (in Glasgow in 1907), the outdoor game has all but

disappeared. It is now to years since the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was able to



summon curlers to the Grand Match. held traditionally on one of five lochs or lakes that are see if they are frozen hard enough. These days, the ice has to be at least eight inches thick. At the last Bonspiel, in February 1979, crowds of upwards of 10,000 players and spectators stepped on to the groaning ice for the occasion. The draw for the 600 teams, who represent the north of Scotland against the south, is made every July just in case the weather is up to supporting the next Grand

The only curling rink south of the Trent where the traditional game could be played outdoors was on the top of Wimbledon Common, I was there at the weekend for a race

WORD-WATCHING

(b) A servant of the high priest, who was present when Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane and whose right ear was cut off in the concomitant scuffle. Jesus commanded the assailant, whom John named

as Peter, to desist, and according to Luke replaced the ear. In the

Cathedral at Naumberg, the so-called Master of Naumberg carried, in the 13th century, the betrayal of Jesus which gives the greatest prominence to

(a) Ethnarch of Judaca. 4 BC to AD b. son of King Herod the Great

Received on his father's death about half his kingdom with the diminished

title of ethnarch, viz. national leader. Young, weak and rapacious, he was removed by the Emperor Augustus, who turned Judaez into a Roman province of a minor kind governed by a procurator, with its capital moved from Jerusalem to Caesarea.

(a) The elder of Saul's two daughters. She was promised by her father to

David but then given to somebody else. David got instead the younger daughter Michal...

(c) A Midianitish woman brought into the camp of the Israelites in the

wilderness of Sinai by Zimri. She was a prostitute, and Phinenas the priest

killed them both - but not before 24,000 Israelites had died of the plague

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Club. A hardier bunch you will never find, but, at the start, their shivering elders inspected the ice-bound course and declared the event cancelled.

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As a mild gesture of disapproval, I trotted round the course anyway. Everywhere was frozen stone-hard and slippery. I passed close by where the old Wimbledon Curling Club would once have revelled in such conditions. It has long gone, converted into a car park; but on Saturday. even the car park looked perfect for

In the Fens, they still know how to enjoy real winter weather. After three parren years, their skaters have just fought for a title that has a proud history. A 19th-century description of Fenland skaters talks of powerful, broad-backed men, with a slow, heavy, almost stiff, gait. "Though, on land they could hardly run half a mile, yet on ice, with only a day's practice, they can hold their own, and beat the best trained skaters of the

It was no empty claim. Fenland racers, with their few snatched days of skating a year, did amazingly well in early international contests. Two members of a farnous Ferland skating family, James Smart and his cousin, George See, were chosen to

represent England against Dutch champions Arie van den Berg and Benedict Kingma in the first international races held over a mile course on February 17, 1887, in the very heartland of skating, near Rotterdam. See won the race in 2min 53sec. Smart was second, just four fifths of a

second behind. They won again next day over double the distance. They seem not to have gone along with the idea that the unsuitable British climate should rule out success at winter sport and turn us all into a nation modelled on Eddie the Eagle. The Fenmen re-turned to Holland the next winter, his time taking on and beating the top 14 Dutchmen over two miles in

Amsterdam. The championship this year, in sub-zero temperatures over a 12-mile course at Bury Fen, near Earith, was won by Michael Edwards, 17, from West Winch, near King's Lynn. He loves it when it freezes, but he did not bleat and despair this week when the thaw came along. He just adapted his routine to keep in shape for the sort of winter that occurs only every three years or so. He simply took to his high-tech, in-line roller skates to

dream of the next great freeze.

on Saturday.

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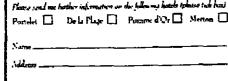
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# Thomas in prime position for vital role

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ARWEL THOMAS, the Bristol stand-off half, moved a step nearer to a first rugby union cap for Wales vesterday when Neil Jenkins withdrew from contention for the meeting with Italy on January 16. Jenkins. Wales's leading points-scorer, has a fractured collar-bone and may also be unavailable for their first five nations' championship

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match against England at Twickenham on February 3. Though there may be some local clamour for Jonathan Davies, the returned prodigal.

to resume his international career, Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, must look at the two youngsters whom he named last month in his first national squad since being appointed: Thomas and Matthew Lewis, of Bridgend. Davies has played only two games since resuming his

has received. will be announced today.

Terry Cobner, the former Pontypool and Wales flanker. heads the shortlist for the post of director of rugby for the Welsh Rugby Union, which

rugby union career in November and has no form to justify

selection, but Thomas, 21, has

been watched regularly and

Bowring is said to have been

New Zealand-born centre

encouraged by reports that he

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REVIEW

The times thursday january 4 1996

The times thursda night could not put right. The bad news is that it went out last night at 9.30pm which, to be blunt, is way. A Town own and 東東 てした way past its bedtime.  $\mu_{\rm c} = - \epsilon_{\rm c} \epsilon_{\rm c} \epsilon_{\rm c}$ 

Call me old-fashioned, call me naive, but I had always fondly imagined that the few drama slots available after the nine o'clock watershed were reserved, if not always for adult drama ("the following programme includes scenes that some viewers may find offensive ... ") then certainly for grown-up drama. Something with a little substance, something to give the little grey cells a late night runaround before they finally conk out halfway through Newsnight. Last night, the poor neglected things were still turning cartwheels as Jeremy Paxman gailoped through "tomorrow's front page stories".

accompanies her every unlikely move, she is a confection. Clad in sensible blue mac and matching tea-cosy hat, she looks solid enough but the first puff of analytical wind exposes her for what she is - a collection of granny's proverbs in a case of spun-sugar storylines.

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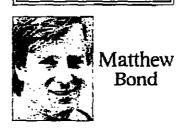
Not, of course, that there is anything wrong with that. The history of successful popular drama is littered with such twodimensional characters - just not normally so late at night. But until the schedules are rearranged, a warning will have to do: "The following programme includes scenes that some viewers will find too silly for words."

Patricia Routledge plays Wainthropp, who on her sixtieth birthday ("I'm not 60 and I never will

Bucket, I found Routledge's rapid reincarnation (the last Keeping L'p Appearances was on Christmas Day) relatively easy to accept. More serious Bucket fans, I sus-pect, will have found it harder.

ut nothing like as hard as I be found the plot. The story of the evil biochemical plant pumping out waste products that turn girl shrimps into boy shrimps and nice little old ladies into murderous, bearded, bag ladies was pure Enid Blyton. With the help of three trusty teenagers and lashings of conveniently placed garden netting, La Wainthropp even managed to trap a secret agent, Well, Hurrah for Hetty.

At 70 minutes, this establishing episode seemed interminable particularly as there seemed so



little to establish. After all, we all know that all teenage shoplifters turn out to have hearts of gold and that sleeping dossers like nothing better than being shaken awake to advance the story a page or two, don't we. Don't we? Subsequent episodes will be 50 minutes and. no doubt, better for it.

The really good news for those in search of grown-up drama was that ER (Channel 4) was back and

The pace is astonishing, exhausting and a triumph for technical choreography. Last night's episode began with a gang shooting but it was the resultant hospital confusion that got us off to a start impressive by even ER standards. In one take lasting 90 seconds, uninterrupted by a single edit, one camera shot eight scenes taking in two operating tables. one reception desk, one hospital bed and three separate journeys up and down a corridor. The only surprise was that the bad-tempered Dr Benton (Eric Lasalle) was eventually knocked over by a

trolley, rather than the camera. The collision made him even more bad-tempered with Carter (Noah Wyle), who returned from his summer break three hours late but beautifully tanned. "What do

on cracking form. Spend an hour you know about the arteries of the ise us a programme devised by that it wouldn't be long before a female patient would say: "My, but you're handsome — are you a doctor?" It wasn't.

> little earlier the presence of both Eamonn Holmes and Aboth Eamonn Holmes and "supermodel turned actor" Paula Hamilton made it clear beyond doubt that we were in for some seriously grown-up television with Back to the Present (ITV), which promised to investigate reincarnation through something called past life regression.

Holmes gave it the sort of ballyhoo that P.T. Barnum would have been proud of. We would be party "to one of the greatest feats the human mind can achieve" and were promised "no camera tricks." sleight of hand or special effects". Wisely, however, he did not promanyone other than the person who would later appear as its resident regression expert. Hardly a conflict there at all.

Under the hypnotic hand of Lawrence Levion (who in a past life may well have been a lizard) Hamilton became supermodelturned-actor-turned-19th-century young man. A change of sex for the glossy Hamilton but not, it seemed, of style. Ashley Brown announced that he lived in Kensington Church Street. So handy for ye olde shappes.

With Hamilton recounting her/his story. "a time detective" was dispatched in blonde hair and mini-skirt (whatever happened to maes and matching tea-cosies?) to research the historical truth of Mr Brown. What she unearthed was hardly the smoking gun but was enough to make you go "hmmm". The same could be said of the show itself - hmmm while it lasted.

### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (44966) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (92369742)

9.05 Kilroy Topical studio debate (3950592) 10.00 News (Ceelax) (4824597) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook. Two hopeless cooks are challenged to create a family favourite. (6514568)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick Including 11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (34051) 12.00 News (Ceefax) (6650549) 12.05pm Pebble Mill

The guest is Timothy Spall (s) (9881655) 12.50 Regional News and weather (13586810) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (31704)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64655636) 1.50 The Flying Doctors (Ceetax) (s) (1713810) 2.35 This is Your Life (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4809013)

3.05 Timekeepers (s) (5015365) 3.30 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (7941988) 3.35 The Morph Files (2353452) 2.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (s) (1322100) 4.10 Highlander (Ceetax) (s) (3512623) 4.35 The Reatly Wild Show.

etax) (s) (9379365) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (4817487)

5.10 The Demon Headmaster. Drama serial based on the books The Demon Headmaster and The Prime Minister's Brain, by Gillian Cross. (Ceefax) (s)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (746510) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (839)

6.30 Regional News magazines (891) 7.00 Top of the Pops (4723)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefex) (s) (425)

8.00 The Vet. The Loss Adjuster. (Ceefax) (s) (360655) Animal Hospital. Heroes. Rolf Harris researches the world of wounded wildlife in response to the viewing audience's apparently insatiable appetite for such coverage (491907)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9948)

NEW French and Saunders. Dawn and Jennifer with their parodies of other shows and films. (Ceefax) (s) (46549)



Linda Hamilton, key to survival (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: The Terminator (1984) with Amold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. Agenda-setting action adventure, with an appallingly high body-count and some extraordinary effects. An unstoppable cyborg (Amold Schwarzenegger) is sent back in time from the future, to find and kill the woman who holds the key to the survival of the entire human race, since it is her son who will lead human resistance to domination by intelligen machines. Directed by James Cameron (Ceelax) (s) (261079)

11.45 FILM: Busting (1973) with Elliott Gould and Robert Blake Cornedy-adventure with two unorthodox LA cons. Keneek and Farrell, using their Idiosyncratic methods to snare a gangland boss. Directed by Peler Hyams (614704) 1.15am Weather (5381330)

VARIATIONS

7.00am Breakfast News (Signing) (6604655)

7.15 Lassie (r) (3728433) 7.40 The Stone Protectors (7882988) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (Ceela.) (s)

BBC2

8.35 FILM: Along Came Jones (1945, b/w). A western starring Gary Cooper and Loretta Young Directed by Stuert Heisler (6709742)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (6513839) 10.25 FILM: The Woman on Pier 13 (1950, b/w) Robert

Ryan is blackmailed into spying by a nasty commie Directed by Robert Stevenson (7589365) 11.35 The Fugitive (b/w) (Ceelax) (1232723)

12.30pm Working Lunch (57655) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams

(28492162) 1.15 FILM: Fanny by Gastight (1948, b/w). Phylis Calvert, James Mason and Stewart Granger star in this Victorian melodrama directed by Anthony

Asquith (29217487) 3.00 News (Ceelax) and weather; followed by 1996 World Professional Darts Champions including at 3.55 News and weather (812742) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine. (Ceefax) (s)

6.45 The O Zone (s) (117984)

7.00 Waiting for God. Retrement home cornedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2365) 7.30 The 45 Rebellion Ageism in the workplace (617) 8.00 My Brilliant Career: Ratner — Lord of the Rings (Ceefax) (s) (1013)

8.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld. Clarkson visits Monaco for Grand Prix week. (Ceefax) (s) (1920)



Dr Michael West, forensic dentist (9.00pm)

9.00 Traces of Guilt (Ceefax) (s) (536617) (536617)

9.50 Potted Histories: Shade Plants Greg Proops guides us through a natural history of houseplants with atmospheric help from weatherman Bill Giles. (Ceetax) (s) (185655)

10.00 Game On. Six-part cornedy series about three disparate flatmates (r) (Ceefax) (20013) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (108839)

11.15 1996 World Professional Darts Championship. Highlights (s) (214433)

12.15am Weather (9260563)

12.20 FILM: Les Enfants du Paradis Part 2: The Man in White (1944, b/w). The conclusion of the French drama which started last night. Directed by Marca Carné in French with English subtitles (2503921).

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# CHOICE

Gerald Ratner, joking jeweller (BBC2, 8.00pm)

My Brilliant Career: Ratner - Lord of the Rings BBC2, 8.00pm

When Gerald Ramer famously described some of his jewellery as "total crap" he was merely repeating a joke he had first used to a journalist several years earlier. Then, it raised hardly a ripple, Later, inserted as a jocular aside in an otherwise serious speech to a business audience at the Albert Hall, it became a national catchphrase, It cost the family firm hundreds of millions of pounds and Ratner his career. He reflects with disarming candour on his rise and fall. born of a determination to widen the appeal of the jewellery business by taking it down market. To an extent he was made and broken by the media. They were happy to build him up when things were going well, merciless in their derision at his costly gaffe.

Traces of Guilt: The Verdict BBC2, 9.00pm

When Louise Keko, a woman in her fifties, was found savagely murdered at her home in Louisiana there was an obvious suspect. Her former husband. Tony Keko, had a record of violence and they were going through an acrimonious divorce. The trouble was that no evidence linked him to the crime. Enter Michael West, a dentist and part-time forensic scientist. He identified a bite mark on Mrs Keko's shoulder as matching her husband's teeth and Keko was found guilty of murder. But then the doubts set in. This first film in a series questioning the reliability of forensic evidence follows the attempts of a convicted killer to clear his name and of a scientific expert to uphold his reputation amid growing criticism of his methods.

The Vet BBC1, 8.00pm (Scotland, tomorrow 7.30pm)

You can usually tell the tone of a programme by its opening sequence and The Vet does not disappoint. despite the odd bit of villainy is basically good-hearted and eschews violence and bad language. While gaining few marks for originality, being All Creatures Great and Small transported to the West Country this is a show to be comfortable with. The new series opens in typical style with a clutch of overlapping stories, some light, some dark, but all capable of satisfactory resolution. The strongest of them features a touching portrayal by the splendid Frederick Treves of an old and much-respected vet whose judgment seems no longer what it used to be.

Taggart: Devil's Advocate ITV. 9.00pm

The Scortish cop show continues to prove resilient enough to survive the demise of its pivolal character, even if, during the final illness of Mark McManus, the unsmiling Chief Inspector became increasingly less of a pivot and more a background presence. The latest three-parter, by Rick Maher, opens in cracking form with Mike Jardine (James Macpherson) annihilated in court by a sharp barrister (John Duttine). The upshot is that an artist accused of murdering her lover goes free and the case is back to square one. The woman is played by Cathy Shipton, once Duffy in Casualty. Crisp writing, ingenious plotting and authentic Glasgow locations help to maintain the standard of a series now more than ien years old. Peter Waymark

# CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (2164452) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4617346) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6590998)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1364384) 10.35 This Morning (57505094) 12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (6649433)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6953655) 12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6938346)

1.25 Chein Letters Word game (Teletext) (32380891) 1.55 A Country Practice (s) (64643891) 2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (18363839) 2.50 Old Bag's Club With Lady Sally Moon (4890365) 3.20 ITN News headlines (2542839) 3.25 London

Today (Teletait) (2534810) 3.30 The Riddlers (2365297) 3.40 Wizadora (7949520) 3.50 Rupert (1308520) 4.15 Mike and Angelo. The first of a new series (s) (6667592) 4.40 Reboot If A new adventure senes using state-of-the-art

computer animation. (Teletext) (s) (7070471)

5.10 After 5 With Caron Keating (Teletext) (6413520) 5.40 ITN News and weather (827907) 5.55 Your Shout Viewers air their views (748452)

6,00 Home And Away (r) (Teletext) (907)

6.30 London Tonight (Telelexi) (87) 7.00 Emmerdale. Chris believes Kim is out to ruin him (Teletext) (9891)

7.30 Peak Performance: Boxing Clever with American Roy Jones and Richie Woodhall, preparing for a world little attempt (s) (471)

8.00 The Bill: Second Sense. A dutiful daughter turns into a dangerous drunk. Should Loxion play it by the

8.30 Oddbatts. Earnonn Holmes and sports celebrity guests took at "outrageous" moments from the world of sport With Alistair McGowan (Teletext) (s)



James Macpherson as Mike Jardine (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE (8655)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teleled) (24839) 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (316471) 10.40 Lady Boss Glossy drama based on a novel by Jackie Collins about the double dealings behind the scenes in Hollywood Starring Kim Delaney and Jack Scalia Concludes tomorrow. (Teletext)

12.30am Live From the Lilydrome Lily Savage with

cabaret guests (r) (s) (8029785) 1.35 NEW Not Fade Away. Music videos including Madonna chosen by Dannii Minogue (2264650)

2.30 Shift (7777414) 3.20 NEW The Crime Hour: Customs Classified Real-life drama leaturing American

customs officers (4459785) 4.05 Profile (s) (18095747) 4,30 Dead Men's Tales (85223650)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place (r) (s) (1916563) 5.30 ITN Morning News (93704) Ends at 6.00

### CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank with Mickey Hutton (5244617)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (54655) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (60948)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (r) (s) (3758704) 9.45 FILM: Words and Music (1948) staring Tom Drake and Mickey Rooney Biopic of composer Richard Rodgers and Micist Lorenz Hart Directed

by Norman Taurog (82864568) 12.00 Living Memory Four generations of one !amily

from the Vale of Berkeley in Gloucestershire in (14452)

12.30pm Sesame Street (33278) 1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (76433742) 1.55 Quality Control An inept trainee's tirst day at a shateboard factory (17596100)

2.10 FILM: Cry Havoc (1943, b/w) Nurses Margaret Sullavan, Joan Biondell, Ann Soihern and Fay Bainler are trapped during the Balaan retreat in the Second World War Directed by Richard Thorpe

4.00 Backdate with Valene Singleton (100)

4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley (384) 5.00 Ricki Lake. Richi meets Rav. who works as a nude maid for rich women, while the audience debates the moral issues (7578742)

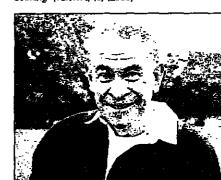
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comedy (Teletext) (s) (549) 6.30 New Gamesmaster (S) (29)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (353984) 7.50 The Slot (641655)

8.00 The Pulse. Shahnaz Pakravan presents the health magazine (Teletext) (s)

8.30 NEW A Taste of the Caribbean Dormda Hafner e-piores the world of Caribbean cooking (Teletext) (s) (2988)



Stanley Baxter returns to the screen (9.00pm)

9.00 Stanley Baxter is Back. Stanley Baxter returns to television with a new year special. The show includes some of his classic sketches from previous specials and he has updated his impersonation of the Queen. (Teletext) (4297)

10.00 FILM: Those Bedroom Eyes Psychological thriller in which a professor (Tim Matheson) is approached by the police to help catch an alluring woman (Mimi Bodgers) who they believe seduces and kills men. The professor was so devastated by the death of his wife that he had been preparing to throw himself from a train when the woman lured him back to the land of the living with a seduction that left him breathless. Directed tw Leon Ichaso (Teletext) (560891)

11.40 The Good Woman of Bangkok Dennis O'Rourke's documentary account of the Than prostitute he met and fell in love with (r) (945574) 1.10am FiLM: Almost You (1984) Adam Brooks's withy tirst leature, with married yuppie Griffin Dunne beginning an affair with Dana Delany (322308)

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SKY SOAP

11.00am Globotroffer (49:3452) 11,30 Roads to Freedom (494-181) 12:00 Your World (7908510) 12:30pm Frugal Gourmet (539-4520) 1:00 Around the World (7006029) 1.30 Guide (5393991) 2.00 Ski (4607669) 3.00 Getawa, (8458452) 3.30-4,00 Boomer-

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm The Great Days of our Century (4934704) 5.00 The Changing Face of Britain The Motor Cai (8-149704) 6.00-7.00

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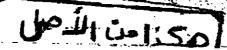
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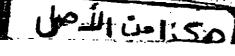
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Teenager puts South Africa in pole position after Cork leads fruitless fightback

# Adams drives England to despair

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (second day of five): England, with nine sec-ond-innings wickets in hand, are 74 runs behind South

IN ONE cruel, contrary hour for England's cricketers yesterday evening, the achieve-ments of a demanding day, and probably the work of an entire winter, turned to dust and dismay. For the second time in this series. South Africa's tenth wicket produced disproportionate runs, investing a crippled innings with undue authority. This time, however, the effect on England will surely be terminal.

Against considerable odds and to their immense credit. England's bowlers had nursed and healed the self-inflicted wounds of their batsmen. This decisive final Test was set for something close to parity at its midway point when South Africa's ninth wicket fell on 171, a lead of only 18. It was then that a day of taut, pitiless cricket took a sharp and implausible diversion.

Paul Adams, raised backyard cricket just a few miles from Newlands in the mean streets of the Cape Flats, came in to bat without a reputation to protect. He had, after all, scored only four firstclass runs and faced just 16 balls in his young career. When he was out, 15 overs later, he had added 29 runs to that tally and, with the capable Dave Richardson, driven England to despair.

73, one run more than in Durban, and, just as it had been there, was the highest stand of the innings. England were suddenly confronting a deficit of 91 and, with an awful predictability, the one setback they could not afford duly followed. Michael Atherton fell cheaply to Allan Donald for the second time in the at this level.

game, leaving less-equipped colleagues a monumental task even to take this match far into its fourth day.

Atherton believed before a ball was howled that the game would not last four days and his fears are being borne out. The scores have been misleadingly low, for it is not impossi-Adams and Richardson confirmed with such surprising eloquence, but its variable pace and bounce give the bowlers a heavy advantage. England exploited this yesterer, as well as South Africa had

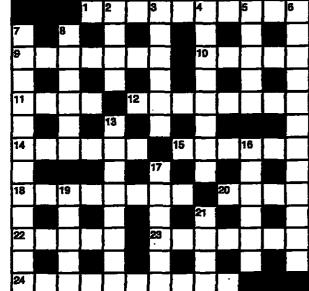
Malcolm: uninspired

done on Tuesday, but disci-pline, fortune and eventually even judgment deserted them

Atherton could be blamed for taking a new ball with South Africa on 166 for eight. outstanding wickets. He could more validly be blamed for his touching faith in Devon Malcolm, whose new-ball spell of four overs — at least one too many -- was so wretchedly poor it persuaded Adams that his batting had nothing to fear

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defence that he came into this game without match practice, pardon. Fraser, exemplary if used not enough yesterday. has played equally little and needs work more than Malcolm, who has always an-

it will be said in Malcolm's

type who does not require endless grooving. His bowling here, where England so needed him to be the hammer among chisels, would have struggled to explode a paper-

Malcolm was innocuous from the start, offering Daryll Cullinan fresh impetus with a friendly spell first thing, and, with Dominic Cork struggling to bowl through a groin strain. Atherton quickly had to look elsewhere. A clear blue and intensely hot day was into its second hour when Gary Kirsten's self-denial lapsed and he pulled arare, undeserving ball from Mike Watkinson to mid-wicket.

By lunch, Cullinan had reached his fourth half-century of the series and Malcolm second full house, frying gentwhich makes their afternoon

efforts all the more admirable. Fraser, who had extracted more life from the pitch than anyone, should have resumed immediately afterwards. Instead, Malcolm had another Fraser and his heir apparent, Peter Martin, bowled beautifully to drag England onto equal terms. They took a wicket each, both caught be-hind by Russell, with the first of which he broke the record for England wicketkeeping dismissals in a series. It had stood at 24 and was held by his

mentor, Alan Knott, who, in the protracted Ashes series of 1970-71, kept in 12 innings. Russell, remarkably, had needed only six. South Africa now had two

batsmen on nought, but Martin, after six overs for nine runs, needed a rest. Jacques Kallis sumptuously on-drove Cork for four, a stroke of pedigree, but it is impossible to subdue Cork and his answer was a direct hit on the bowler's stumps from cover to run out McMillan as he tried

to steal a single. It had been an afternoon of slovenly over-rates and slug-gish scoring, yet it had been anything but dull. England had restricted South Africa to 38 runs from 25 overs and taken three prime wickets. When they added three more in the first hour of the evening, Ladbrokes made them jointfavourites to win the game. By the close, the same bookmak-

ers made South Africa 8-1 on. Kallis fell leg-before to Martin and Pollock was astonishingly caught by Smith, abandoning evasive action at short-leg to change direction and plunge to his left. When Atherton took the new ball, Donald obliged him by giving Cork another wicket and Russell another catch, whereupon the famasy began to take shape through a Malcolm fulltoss, squirted for his first run

by Adams and turned into live by a wild throw from Cork.

As Malcolm strayed to leg. the lead climbed towards 50. Richardson was reprieved by Hick, apparently failing to sight a sharp chance at gully. By the time he atoned with a spectacular catch at second slip, the damage was done. When Atherron was drawn into a short ball and offered a faint edge, the damage appeared irreparable.

Adams, looking anything but a novice with the bat and with Russell watching helplessly, sweeps Watkinson for four at Newlands yesterday

# Malcolm delivers baffling display

WHEN Jeff Thomson was a young tearaway fast bowler, there were plenty of people in Australia willing to write him off as too wild to be a force in Test cricket. Greg Chappell, his captain at Queensland, was not one of them. "He may be wild," he said, "but he will terrify them out."

Chappell was right and he had also put his linger on what is essentially the fast bowler's job. He is there to dynamite out wickets, at least until age demands that he offsets diminishing speed

with a degree of cunning. It is Devon Malcolm's job too, which needs stating because there has sometimes been confusion on the matter. It is certainly the reason why England picked him for the present tour of South Africa, a team whose previous experience of him was in the white heat of the Oval in 1994, when he claimed his famous return of nine for 57.

This tour could have seen his second-finest hour and, in its early days, it appeared as though it might. He was feted as a black hero by a predomiSIMON WILDE At Newlands

nantly black country and Nelson Mandela hailed him as the "Destroyer", but he has produced almost nothing but frustration for the England management. The nearest anyone has

come to talking about "fear" was in Soweto, when Ray-mond Illingworth told the press that "at the moment, Devon wouldn't frighten even

Where the blame lies for this is a most point. Malcolm is guilty of sulking in his tent. his mood perhaps darkened by the absence of his family, who were upset at the criti-cisms levelled at him, but no one has fathomed what makes him tick. One former England captain reasoned that, if you wanted Malcolm to do one thing, you must ask him to do the opposite.

If Malcolm was unfortunate to be dropped after the Johannesburg Test, in which he bowled well, he has only proved at Cape Town that, at present, he is indeed unable to terrorise anybody out.

His first spell yesterday was delivered at barely half-pace. In the afternoon, he bowled six economical overs without appearing the least menacing and, after tea, he wasted the new ball and sped Richardson and Adams on their way to a partnership that may decide the match. It was a baffling performance.

Against that, Peter Lever, the bowling coach who has now left the tour, must be held Malcolm out of kilter in the first place, trying to tinker with his delivery the minute he got hold of him.

SCOREBOARD FROM CAPE TOWN.

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T J Rhehardson not out ... 54 (153min, 96 balls, 5 fours)
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Extras (fb 22, nb 1) ...... Total (101 overs, 459min) . FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Kirsten 0). 2-19 (Kirsten 5), 3-79 (Cuffinan 34), 4-125 (Rhodes 16). 5-125 (McMillan 0). 6-144 (Kalis 7), 7-154 (Richardson 8), 8-163 (Richardson 13), 9-171 (Richardson 18)

SCORING NOTES: Second day: Lunch: 109-3 (47 overs, 211min) Cullinan 53, Phodes 9, Tex: 147-8 (72 overs, 380min) Kallis 7, Richardon 2 Second new best 156-8 (84 overs) at 4 25pm. South Africa all out at 5 44pm.

Umpires: S G Randell (Aus) and D L Crohard Third umpire: K E Lebenberg. Match referee: C H Lloyd (Wast Indes). RESULTS: First Test (Pretoria) match drawn. Second Test (Johannesburg): match drawn. Third Test (Durban): match drawn. Fourth Test (Port Eliza-beth): match drawn.

# Millichip ready to stand down at FA

By Our Sports Staff

SIR BERT MILLICHIP confirmed vesterday that he would step down as chairman of the Football Association (FA) this summer after 15 years in the post. There had been suggestions that he was planning to carry on but, in his annual letter to FA members, Sir Bert, 81, said: "To avoid further speculation, let me take this opportunity of stressing it is not my intention, in present circumstances, to offer myself for re-election as chairman of

the Association in 1996. Sir Bert has presided over some of English football's most difficult times. including the hooligan excesses of the Eighties and, most recently, allegations of

as England prepares to host the European championship this summer. Our optimism about the new year and

Euro 96 must be tempered by concern about several long-standing problems that remain unresolved," he said. This appeared to be a reference to Terry Venables, and Sir Bert renerated his

support for the England coach when he added: "I have never been prepared to give ground to that modern-day phenomenon, trial by daily smear. In 1996, we hope to see resolved, once and for all, the truth behind some of the most damaging allegations that have soured the game for too long. Meanwhile - along with the FA

Premier League and the Football League

- we will be seeking to remove the

uncertainties that have arisen from the Bosman judgment." Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the

FA, held initial talks on that subject yesterday with Rick Party, the chief executive of the FA Premier League, and David Dent, the secretary of the Football Sir Bert also urged his members to

show similar unity in accepting the planned restructuring of the FA and the executive committee. "Football demands no more, no less than a structure for the 21st century. It must be a structure which recognises the FA's responsibility to oversee the national sport, but accepts that the component parts - professional and non-professional - must have the

Bob Taylor, the former England wicketkeeper, who encouraged Malcolm during his early years at Derbyshire, is convinced that this was an error. "You should never attempt to alter the technique of a player once he has got to international level, unless it is to save him from developing

an injury," he said yesterday.

"After what happened the last time South Africa experienced Devon's bowling, the management should not have highlighted his incompetence but built him up.

of the tour, some of it went to his head and they were trying to bring him down. Somehow, English cricket always manages to shoot itself in the What the future holds for

was made of him at the start

"Perhaps, after the fuss that 💝 🚓

Malcolm — who turns 33 next month, a good age for a bowler without cunning — is anyone's guess. He may live to fight other battles if only because England have no one pushing for his place as an explosives expert.

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# Spending spree on the cards as Indian reforms take effect

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA has entered 1996 poised for an unprecedented spending spree by its burgeon-ing credit card classes, many of whom are clutching new cellular telephones, driving previously unavailable foreign cars or drinking locally-

made whisky.

A new India has risen from the ashes of socialism. An economic revolution has radically altered the lifestyles of about 2 per cent of the population — a lot of people in a country of almost one billion - and is touching the lives of almost everyone else.

Credit cards were unheard of until economic reforms began in 1991. Now newspapers carry advertisements from international banks offering cards to the rapidlyexpanding middle classes. Car

BY NICK NUTTALL

CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH scientist may

have solved the riddle of how

South-East Asia led the world

in steel production for more than 1,000 years, allowing the

peoples of the region to make

swords and other weapons of

superior design.

A furnace that was powered

by the monsoon winds has

been discovered on hills in

Gill Juleff, of University

College London, working with archaeologists in Sri

Lanka, has reconstructed the

furnace, proving that it was

able to make high-carbon

She says that the wind-

assisted furnace technology discovered in Sri Lanka "sus-

tained a major industry dur-ing the first millennium AD".

The remains of the furnace

were unearthed during ar-

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south central Sri Lanka.

loans, unknown ontil a few years ago, are readily available from Indian banks. The culture of debt has arrived, transforming a country whose people were always encouraged to be thrifty. That was easier when the shops were

The rich-poor divide has never been more stark. The poor live in jhuggis (slum huts) on wasteland beside shops selling the latest Sony televisions, stereos and computers. Popular shopping centres in Delhi, such as Khan Market, have been transformed into smart air-conditioned stores with wellstaff who call

customers sir or madam. Never has India been more confident of its future. It believes it will eventually be-

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make high-quality steel. But

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How monsoon power

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come part of the boom that has transformed South-East Asia. as long as there is a sufficient period of political stability. It is buoyed by an analysis in the 1996 Information Please almanac, a respected reference book published in the United States, which says India has the world's sixth-largest economy, based on purchasing

This is election year and the reform programme is on hold because the Government fears making a political mistake. The floodgates have been opened wide enough, however, for the economic metamorphosis to continue apace. Middle and high income groups are expanding most rapidly, with salaries in some industries approaching West-

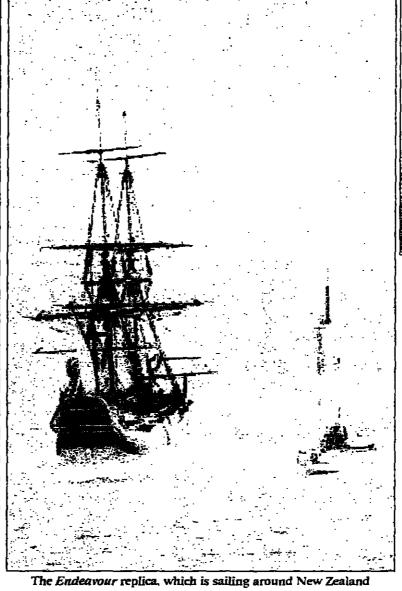
There are plenty of shops selling £2,000 watches and expensive electronic gadgetry. The 16 private domestic airlines (five years ago, Indian Airlines had a virtual monopoly) were fully booked over Christmas and new year.

The new-found wealth does have some unfortunate sideeffects, however. There have been a spate of murders by servants anxious to run off with their employers' family silver. Police in south Delhi have urged householders to register their sevants so they can be traced if necessary.

In much of rural India.

where more than 70 per cent of the population lives, there is conspicuously less poverty than five years ago. Four years of good harvests because of good monsoons have helped to create a vast new group with lower-to-middle incomes. This, in turn, has generated a consumer boom in low-cost items such as toothpaste, soap and detergent. Foreign firms are clambering over each other to reach this market, which numbers tens of millions.

☐ Bomb attack: A device exploded in Delhi yesterday, killing at least six people and seriously wounding about 20, police said. The Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front, a little-known separatist group in Srinagar, claimed responsibility for the attack. (Reuter)





The crew of the original Endeavour land in New Zealand in 1769

# Cook tour sails into storm

Wellington: A replica of the Endeavour. the ship sailed by Captain James Cook, the British explorer, set off on a threemonth tour of New Zealand yesterday. buffeled by a controversy that it was supposed to help to heal.

While the Endeavour Foundation

emphasised the conciliatory nature of the tour. Maori activists said the ship symbolised British oppression of their people and should not be celebrated. Cook was the first European to land in New Zealand, and his arrival in the 130ft, three-masted, square-rigger in 1769 is considered to mark the beginning of New Zealand's colonisation.

Maori elders in Gisborne on the North Island urged the Endeavour not to visit. They said Cook and his men had inflicted "atrocities" on Maoris, who arrived by canoe from Polynesia many centuries earlier. On Tuesday, a dozen protesters tried to board the ship in Auckland. Three were arrested. (Reuter)



# Arafat condemned

FROM ROSS DUNN IN RAMALIAH, WEST BANK

as activist is seized

YASSIR ARAFAT, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, yesterday displayed further contempt for democracy and free speech after he ordered the arrest of a Palestinian activist who had accused him of human rights violations.

The latest arrest comes a

week after Mr Arafat jailed a Palestinian newspaper editor for five days after he failed to put a story on the front page praising the PLO chairman. Both arrests have led to damning criticism of Mr Arafat, who is standing for the post of President in the first Palestinian elections due to be held on January 20. But the latest incident could have far

wider repercussions because it may have violated peace accords between the PLO and Israel which made the elections possible. Human rights activists said

that on Tuesday night Palestinian police entered Jerusalem from the West Bank and illegally arrested Bassam Eid. a resident of the city, and an Israeli citizen who works a human rights group.

Palestinian police were holding the Arab man in Ramallah on the West Bank, about half an hour's drive from Jerusalem. Hanan Ashrawi, former hu-

However. King Sihanouk is a constitutional monarch several government man rights activist and a officials said it would be unconstitutional for him to choose his successor. (AFP) denounced the arrest.

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decree yesterday that grants

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queen capable of reigning on the King's death.

### China factory fire Cambodia's blamed on owner Phnom Peoh: King Sibanouk of Cambodia, 73, has

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG and Taiwanese factory owners who flout salety regulations in mainland China are being blamed after he deaths of 19 workers in a fire this week.

One thousand workers who were asleep in the factory, which makes Christmas tree ornaments, woke up in the early morning to find the status and indicates in the language of Cambodian court circles that she is a building on fire. As they tried to escape through one fire door and a few windows, 19 died and 37 were injured in the

> Senior Colonel Chen Jianhui. of the Guangdong provincial fire brigade, blamed the Taiwanese owner of the factory, in the Shenzhen special economic zone, for ignoring

safety regulations by cramming too many workers into a small living space. Li Zhi, the vice-secretary of

the Shenzhen Local and Foreign Entrepreneurs' Association, accused Taiwan and Hong Kong businessmen of refusing to attend classes on factory safety. Wong Ying-yu. a Hong Kong trade union official, claimed that such owners improved safety only after a disaster. Hong Kong businessmen deny the allega-

Chinese newspapers regularly report fires in schools. cinemas and factories. Smoking is common, inflammable rubbish is everywhere, and most doors are sealed.

# Kim Jong II 'to be confirmed as leader'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

THE mystery surrounding the succession in North Korea appeared to have been cleared up yesterday when its ambassador in Peking said the accession of heir apparent Kim Jong Il. 53, son of the late Great Leader" Kim II Sung, was only a formality as he had been in charge of

state, party and army affairs for a long time. As a press conference called to publicise new year editorials in the North Korean media, Chu Chang Jun, the envoy, said people should pay attention to the situation on the second anniversary of Kim's death next July.

"Our people are still in a state of mourning for Great Leader Kim 11 Sung." Mr Chu said. "That is why we have not

vet held elections for the leadership of the supreme party and state organisation. \*Comrade Kim Jong II has carried out

the same work as leader of state, party and army for a long time," he added. "So the announcement of the supreme leadership of our state is only a formality and will be made in July after the second anniversary of the death of the Great . Leader."

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# **Britain presses** Ramos to honour radar contract

By ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND ROSS TIEMAN

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, vesterday urged Manila to honour a contract for a new Britishmade air-traffic control system needed to safeguard air travellers and protect the Philippines from external threats. During a three-day visit to

discuss military and technological collaboration, Mr Portillo said implementation of the contract awarded to GEC-Marconi and worth up to £240 million "is the outcome I would like to see". The planned radar system is based on a model newly installed in

The airways over the Philippines form a crossroads for rapidly increasing air traffic between Hong Kong, Australia and other expanding Asia-Pacific economies. With the

signed a radar system that would automatically identify overflying planes and bill airlines for air traffic control fees of \$20 million (£13.3 million) a year which cannot be collected at present. It would also enable controllers to direct military aircraft away from civil planes, reducing the

number of overflying aircraft increasing by a quarter every year, industry sources say that in four years the skies over the Philippines will be busier than the air routes over the North Atlantic At present, the Philippines has only the crudest of radar systems, and overflying aircraft pay air traffic control fees. GEC-Marconi has de-

risk of accidents. GEC-Marconi, the military arm of British electronics conglomerate GEC, was awarded a £90 million. first-phase contract in August after beating and rivals from America and Japan. But the project, one of the "flagship" modernisation schemes of President Ramos, was reviewed after a senator. Sergio Osmena, claimed that the GEC bid was 50 per cent too high, and that a separate military radar should be

bought.
After meeting the President yesterday, Mr Portillo said that Britain believed the contract made and signed in the middle of last year "to be valid and contractually binding". President Ramos anounced the suspension of the contract on December 2 and appointed a committee to review it. GEC-Marconi was asked to put in another bid, and has already made a technical presentation to the review panel.

Adrian Thorpe, British Ambassador to the Philippines. and Sir Geoffrey Pattie, chair-man of GEC-Marconi, wrote to President Ramos protesting that they had not been official ly informed of the cancellation. Sir Geoffrey's letter, published in the local press, complained that the British firm was made a "sacrificial lamb" for the Ramos Government's falling popularity.

The order will help to saleguard nearly 2,000 jobs at the GEC radar plant in Chelmsford. But it is also viewed by the company as crucial in the battle to win contracts to modernise other air traffic control systems in the Asia-



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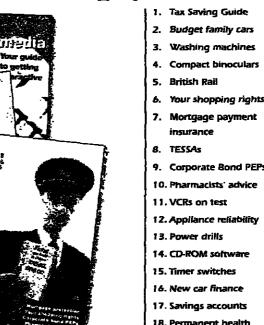
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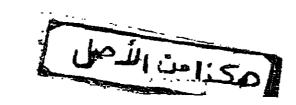
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# What is paranoia?

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IN 1764, 231 years before Nicholas Soames appeared on television and used the term paranoid to describe the nersonality of the Princess of Wales. Voltaire had defined madness in his Philosophical Dictionary as the state in which a sufferer "has erroneous perceptions and thereafter reasons correctly from them. Voltaire's description would no longer be accepted as covering all forms of insanity but it was used recently in a textbook to explain the term

Paranoia may be a symptom of many different psychiatric diseases, whether neuroses or

psychoses, but it is not necessarily a feature Dinner party conversations, since Mr Soames's diagnosis was broadcast, have tended to use the description paranoid personality in different ways. Some guests have wrongly thought that it meant "just plain nutty. Others have tended to be more precise and have followed, as Mr Soames

may have unwittingly done, the definition of the International Diagnostic and Statisti-cal Manual of Mental Disorder. The essential feature of a paranoid nersonality disorder is said by the manual to be "a pervasive and unwarranted tendency to interpret the actions of people as being deliberately demeaning or threatening". It lists seven examples which typify this behaviour, and says that a patient must show at least four of them before personality disorder can be diagnosed.

The manual specifically differentiates between those cases in which the paranoid behaviour is a symptom of a more general disease, and those where a paranoid personality disorder is a complete diagnosis. The condition is, in fact, one of those covered by personality disorder.

People with a paranoid personality are prone to be excessively sensitive to any insult real or imagined, to any rebuff however unintended. As a result. friendships, although they may readily be made, are often sustained with difficulty. In normal social life the action of others is frequently misunderstood and gestures which were supposed to be friendly are often misinterpreted as showing hostility and a desire to humiliate or, using the terms of the manual's definition. "demean-

ing or threatening". Although sufferers from paranoid personality are often self-absorbed and very sensitive to any rebuff from another they are not always equally sensitive to the need to preserve the feelings of those around them. They can sometimes seem unreasonably aggressive. Minor degrees of paranoid behaviour exhibited by those affected mimic in a small way the more severe delusional behaviour found in some forms of psychotic disease, in which delusions of grandeur and excessive self-importance can coexist with a fragile sense of self-esteem.

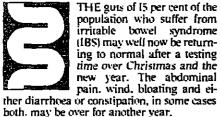
The manual's seven criteria sought when diagnosing a paranoid personality cover such diverse points as an unreal expectation of being exploited: questioning without foundation the loyalty of others; reading threatening or demeaning intentions into benign remarks or actions; bearing unreasonable grudges and being unforgiving of minor insults (possibly unintended): having a reluctance to confide in others for the fear that information will be used against them: being easily slighted and quick to anger, and having a tendency to question without justification the fidelity of a sexual partner.





Before and after: Cherie Martin's obsession with food and diets meant she put on weight, left. Then she learnt to eat only when hungry, right

# The penalty of all that pudding



Dr David Silk, a gastroenterologist who specialises in the treatment of IBS, says that Christmas fare can be particularly trying. Rich food such as Christmas pudding with brandy butter, accompanied by alcohol and coffee, have. Dr Silk says, played havoc with

normally carefully controlled diets. The usual teaching is that the foods which patients with IBS should avoid may include chocolate, coffee, alcohol, cheese and other dairy products. Dr Silk says that evidence on diet is always difficult to evaluate and people often have to find out for themselves what is upsetting their digestion.

Or Silk's research has shown that three items are particularly liable to cause trouble: onions, alcohol and coffee. Both alcohol and coffee tend to draw fluids into the guts. thereby doing nothing to diminish the need for the patient to make the sudden dash to the lavatory which is a characteristic sign of the

The many different forms of fibre and the effect of a high bran dier, although useful in some cases of constipation, can make other symptoms worse. Dr Silk recommends that the fibre found, for instance, in Fybogel, can help more patients than simple bran.

# The long, dark night of the soul

THE HARD weather that swept across northern and eastern Britain last week prompted the usual comparisons with Arctic conditions. As pumps cleared the water

read a report from Antarctica by Sara Wheeler, the travel writer, to see what the term "Arctic conditions" really meant.

In the Antarctic winter there are seven months of total darkness, with wind speeds of 70 knots and temperatures of -115F. Boiling water froze in the air as it was poured from Ms Wheeler's kettle.

Not unnaturally, many of the visiting Europeans to Antarctica developed psychiatric problems: the phrase "polar madness" was coined by Scott and Shackleton, Since then, psychiatrists have described spontaneous trance states, in which varying levels of consciousness are reduced by isolation and lack of daylight. More usual psychiatric symptoms abound: 72 per cent of the expatriates become depressed, 65 per cent abnormally aggressive and nearly a half have problems with concentration and notice a loss of memory. It is little wonder that Admiral Byrd, who led the first American expeditions to Antarctica, learnt to include two coffins and 12 straitjackets in his stores. The Russians, who also had camps in Antarctica. fured no better; they had to ban chess after the loser of one game achieved revenge by driving his ice-pick, with lethal results, into the skull of the victor.



that had sprung from a burst pipe and flowed through my house to flood the cellar, it was salutary to

# Learning to be hungry

one burning ambition. wanted to be thin. I felt fat and I believed that when I was thin l would be happy. When I was thin my whole life would change. I would find the perfect outfit, the perfect man. the perfect relationship. Every problem would be solved. When I was thin.

Aged 12, 1 joined Weight Watchers, After I had reached my goal weight twice, giving up the diet midway through my third attempt. I decided that I had better try another diet. So I did. And then I tried another, and another: the Scarsdale, the Beverly Hills, the Cambridge, the grape cure, the chocolate lover's.

Each time I lost weight initially, then put back what I had lost plus a few pounds. As I played the diet-get-thin-thenget-fat game I became more and more obsessed with it. I no longer cared about romance or schoolwork. All I cared about was how much I are and how much i weighed.

My first thought each morning was how fat I was. My last thought at night was now much or how little I had eaten that day. I lost and regained hundreds of pounds: the same pounds, over and over again. in an endless, vicious circle. When I joined Weight Watchers I was IIIb overweight. After six years of dieting I was five stone overweight and had forgotten how to eat like a normal person.

ieting changes us. We begin to live differently. Perhaps without even noticing, we begin to talk and think a great deal about food. We have long conversations about what we are allowed for breakfast, what we are not allowed for lunch. We discuss how to make our allocation of food last ionger, and about how we are going to feast when the diet is over. Then we begin to notice people eating in the streets, how wonderful a bakery store smells. Eventually we end up obsessed with the very thing we are trying to give ur: food.

Now you may think it is good to be obsessed because then you remember to watch what you cat. Unfortunately, it has the opposite effect. When thoughts about food constantly fill our minds, we reach for food when we are not hungry.

From the age of 12, Cherie Martin dieted, binged, dieted — and put on five stone. Then she realised the secret of staying slim is to give up dieting altogether

In our brains is a box, and inside is written: Eat something, have some food.

Now this box is filled to overflowing with these words so any stimulus causes the words in the box to spill out into our brains. For example, we may feel sad, but before the sadness is allowed to surface, the box opens and our

obsession interferes and we want to eat. We get lonely, and instead of reaching out to another person, food becomes our unsatisfactory friend. Any feeling, whether happy or sad, first passes through the box sitting in our brain, and often gets

short-circuited by it. We diet, we become obsessed with food, and then we are stuck, we are short-circuited. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we hear the message: Eat something, have some

Ten years ago I gave up dieting. I was terrified to take the step because I knew no other way of living, but I had just bought a book by Bob Schwartz called Diets Dan't Work. I discovered that only two out of 100 dieters maintain their weight loss in the long term.

The book explained that we should model our eating patterns on those of normal people who had never had a weight problem in their lives. Like them we should learn to eat when we are hungry, eat exactly what we feel like eating, and then stop when we

My first task was to learn

what natural hunger was. I had confused emotional hunger with body hunger. I want-

or confused. During the first months. I ained 101b. That was because when I was hungry, I wanted

all the foods that I had never



"I know myself": Cherie and family

allowed myself while I was dieting, especially puddings. One day a friend and I were out for lunch and before the menu arrived I realised that I was hungry for tuna salad. I checked myself: it was reminiscent of a diet lunch. But, yes, I wanted a salad. My body was clearly signalling for something healthy, crunchy and fresh.

My body started to ask for healthy foods. My weight stabilised, and then, to my amazement, it began to go down. Here I was not dieting,

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eating what I wanted, and I was losing weight.

Over the next year I lost ed to eat when I was tired, 40lb. I was so excited: the bored, lonely, angry, anxious . magic wand I had been looking for had arrived. But then my enthusiasm for eating only when I was hungry began to fade, and my weight began to

creep up again. I was disappointed. But then the most interesting part of my journey began. I realised I had many

important lessons to learn. The first was that even though I needed to learn to eat like a slim person, there was a difference between them and me. Slim people eat when they are hungry, but they do not, and do not want to, eat when they are not hungry. I did.

It was often a struggle for me to give up eating when I was not hungry. Reaching for food comfort was an ingrained habit. While I was learning how not to eat when I was not hungry, my

weight did fluctuate - up well as down. However, the long-term trend was always wnwards.

During that time my son Alan was born prematurely weighing 2lb. The after-effects his traumatic first year have left him with cerebral palsy. and he will always be in a wheelchair.

When Alan was two. his father, my first husband Ste-phen, died suddenly. I coped with what happened but I expressed my grief with wild fluctuations in my weight. I needed to. There were times

only thing in the world which could provide comfort. As it did, at other times, when in my grief I was not eating, and losing weight brought a semblance of control into a world which had become chaotic.

My biggest task was to learn not to suppress my feelings by eating. To learn to be strong enough to cry when sad, to express anger, and to eat only when hungry.

I realise that if I had allowed my obsession with food to continue. I would have lost the essence of who I am. I am a woman. I am not my weight or how i look.

have sad times. I have happy times, and I make mistakes, but they are never governed by how much I weigh or how pretty I look. These times are governed by how I feel inside. I don't mind what I weigh.

Three years ago I needed legal help to set up my company Weigh Ahead, and negotiate a contract for my book. A friend of mine said she knew a lawyer called Philip. We got married two years ago.

I used to feel sad about all the years I lost while I was dieting, but now I realise that the lessons I learnt in my iourney to overcome my overeating have been invaluable. Food was never the problem. My overeating was a symptom of the chaos within myself. Controlling that chaos made me who I am today: I have a wonderful husband; I love my son; my work is exhilarating and I am expectng another baby in early June. It was hard, but it was worth it. I know myself now and I like what I have become. ● Dr Cherie Martin's book, Natu-

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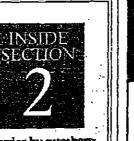
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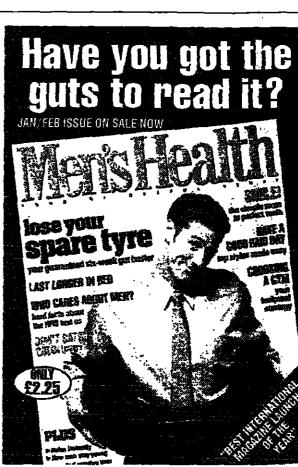


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defiantly in place, sitting just

below the eyebrows, brushing the eyelids. The lipstick is a chalky Bardot-esque pink, an unflattering shade on a woman of 6l. Somehow, on

Mary Quant, it seems, if not

quite right, then appropriate.

Hello. I'm Mary," she
whispers. dark witchety eyes

blinking the way a gauche adolescent's might in the company of adults. "Would you

like to, em, maybe, em, come

and have a look round my

Sentences are punctuated by

old-fashioned exclamations;
"golly ... crikey ... gosh ..."
The adolescent aura strikes

one as odd, coming from this

legend, this little woman, one

of the people who practically invented the Sixties.

PVC raincoats.

skinny-rib polo-

neck sweaters:

muted colours of

grape. smoky browns, greys. Go on to yellow-based

make-up, smudgy eyes and china-doll

haircuts. The Look

created by Quant:

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need a size 16.

cent of women are

over size 16, but so

what? Tough, Skip

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oranges for a day.

Do as Frenchwomen do.'

the generation who gyrated to

'Yeah, Yeah, Yeah", who

shocked the grown-ups, who

fled the irrelevant femininity

of their mother's set. Quant

was in the eye of the hurri-

care, one of the icons whose

face personified all the mad

excitement of a decade, as

globally familiar as the four

mop-tops, E-type Jags and the

King's Road. And yet she

doesn't come across as some-

one who once dominated a

she potters about the white-

walled shop hiding behind her

fringe, chattering about sweat-

er shapes and pointing out the

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# How the OJ trial inspired

box of videotapes of his award-winning police drama NYPD Blue.

The favour was called in a few months

as the police chief's wife, says her husband decided in the mid-1980s that he wanted to opposed to per episode.

everybody that there is a fascination in the complexities of the law," she says. In the series, Bosson plays Hoffman's

Miriam Grasso. "Grasso doesn't look dangerous, but she

Misdirect. She makes Hoffman's team look in one place while she's doing "On the surface Grasso's not like

Marcia. I wasn't going to wear that shortskirt uniform that I saw all the women on the O.J. case wear. I was annoyed by all the attention paid to Marcia's hairstyles and clothes, and the fact that she was a

style of always seeming to be completely assured. I'm not the least like that, Carrying her tangled problems in my head and learning these long speeches full of legal jargon is killing me."

Married to workaholic Bochco for 26 years. Bosson is hoping to return in the late spring to her main job of writing film screenplays. But she knows that, given the huge success of Murder One, and her closer-than-usual relationship with the producer, this seems unlikely.

"The signs are that we'll go for a second

Hilary Kingsley meets

a TV cult

WHEN THE jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial were sequestered, unable to go home at nights and do what other people do watch television - a member of Judge Ito's staff struck out against this cruel

She contacted America's foremost television producer, Steven Bochco (of LA Law and Hill Street Blues fame), and begged a

later by Barbara Bosson, Bochco's actress wife, who asked to be allowed to sit in court during the murder trial. Like millions of others around the world. Bosson was fascinated by the unfolding drama. She also studied the ties and tricks of lawyers and watched, in particular, the body language of the chief prosecution attorney, Marcia Clark.

The result is another television drama for her husband. Murder One has become cult viewing among America's middle classes and has been praised by critics. The first of its 23 hour-long instalments begins on Sky Movies this Sunday at 9pm, with another run on BBC2 in March.

Murder One is not a copy of the OJ. case. There is no "race card", and the trial - of a man charged with the sex murder of a 15-year-old girl — is from the viewpoint of the defence attorney. Ted Hoffman, played by Daniel Benzali.

THE SERIES is guilty, though, of cashing in on the extraordinary public appetite the O.J. case exposed for a diet of Machiavellian manoeuvring by lawyers, and private and professional mini-dramas outside the court. And, as the series is still being shot. the outcome is still a secret. Bosson, who starred in Hill Street Blues

make a series with one case per season as But none of the networks took him seriously. Then the O.J. case showed

main adversary, the prosecution attorney

is," Bosson says. "She's ethical in every-thing she does, but she's the Queen of the something else.

woman alone.

"But what I took from Marcia was her

season and Steven has said that if we do I'll be in it."

stay stuck in the Sixties new day, and I'm going to get through this one. And then I'll face another day, and so on like that, until I finally conwaste a moment. Thankfully, I have my lovely house in the country. If I'd had to move

In 1964 with her husband and business mentor, Alexander Plunket Greene, who died six years ago

sulky French convent schoolgiri, all uncompromising puritanical lines, cut with a dash of The Look is currently dancing again across the pages of Vogue, en-joying a renaissance on the backs of King's Road habes. As in the Sixties, the Nineties version is totally ruthless, ig-noring the over-35s or, indeed, anyone careless enough to As Quant says: "You can't wear fashionable clothes if you are that size. Yes, I know 47 per

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designer, and

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Mary Quant now, doing skinny sweaters again

She, of course, has barely gained a pound. In her creamcoloured Equipment shirt, slim black Japanese trousers. black ankle boots and a man's agreements ranging from much the same as it was then.

The company's growth and development were a result not only of Quant's design genius, but also of the marketing and business talents of her husband, the witty, urbane, upper-class Alexander Plunket Greene, and their friend Archie McNair, the business's financial eminence grise for more than 25 years. Now. apart from her son Orlando, aged 24. Quant is alone. Archie retired and tragically. her great love and mentor. Alexander, died six years ago.

rom behind her office desk, piled high with sketch pads and pencils, her head droops in sadness when I mention Alexander's name for the first time. "At first I thought I was dead 100," she says softly. And then I became used to the idea that life is a privilege, a wonder, jolly nice in fact. Having projects helped me, goals to strive towards that made me see life was worth

around £160 million a year in arranged their accents accordrovalues. There are 200 shops in Japan and plans for more openings in the Far East, as well as lucrative licensing Breweries.

living, that it was worth going of Markham Square and the on in spite of wanting." Her King's Road. We called it

Bazaar and from the first Saturday it was filled with painters, actors, journalists, poets, like one of our parties. That's just how it ran, like a never-ending party, bottles of wine everywhere, music, people prancing around. So when the big boys, the manufacturers from America came

The woman who refuses to

voice trails away for a moment ... "Well, I'm sure you

can imagine how it is, that

"I would look at the sun

coming up in the morning over a field near my house and

think... yes, I have another

vinced myself that Alexander

would have wanted me to

appreciate everything and not

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The Surrey house, set amid acres of rolling fields and surprisingly rural in spite of

being so close to London, was

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ander's in 1928 as a

rather grand coun-

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to say that Mary

was the first to

masses, for the

working girl. Yet

since meeting Alex-

ander at art college

during her teens, the schoolteacher's

daughter, born and

brought up in

Wales, has known

only an upper-class

Bohemianism.

Long-haired Alexander used to dress

in his mother's silk

pyjamas when she

"Yes, 1 suppose

crossing classes

seemed less of a

thing then because

of postwar change,

when we were in-

venting the rules to

suit ourselves. For

instance, I don't

suppose Alexander

would have gone to

art school had it

period. It wasn't

smart then to come

from a grand fam-

ily, and people re-

ingly. But I think the British

upper classes have always

been adept at taking what they

like from other social strata.

John Fowler and Noël Coward

nothing for young people. No

music, clothes, places to meet.

a wasteland. So there were no

obstacles in the way of people

like us, Terence Conran. David Bailey, Donovan. We

simply shot through. I de-

signed for women who had

become economically indepen-

dent and bought their own

gone with daughters to choose

and pay for clothes. So girls

looked like their mothers:

fussy, over-dressed and made

up in hard, heavy colours and

textures. There were three

shades of eye-shadow: green,

bright blue, and lilac. Lipstick

was either a bluish red, dark

Archie's help, he got a mort-

clothes.

might be good examples. After the war there was

first met him.

for the

kind of loss.

wrecked me "

red, or coral. All of it ghastly. to Bazaar, I felt quite ... oh no, "When I started making clothes, I only had theatrical this isn't for you, it's for my pals.
"I've never been ambitious and art school chums as customers. I was designing for myself and my friends. In 1955 in that sense. For me it's Alexander inherited £5,000 on always been an adventure as his 21st birthday and with in 'Let's do this and

see how it works'. gage on a house at the corner of Markham Square and the or 'What if we tried .. ? I wanted skinny clothes to follow the shape of young bodies. ( simply did what excited me. I wasn't trying to please or impress the rest of the world."

> that's exactly what she did. And then came the Seventies and the Eighties, different worlds reacting against what had gone before.

Quant simply was not a kaftan sort of person, nor was she a glitzy, shoulder-padded woman either. So in the Seventies and Eighties she concentrated on her new interests: hearth, home, garden and kitchen.

"I'd become quite broody by then. I'd had Orlando. My interests had changed. Unlike the Sixties, where a house was a place where you dumped ciothes, or where you went when there was nothing better to do, the home now became a new focus and I found myself being asked to design, oh. everything from duvet covers to washing machines.

"So that was jolly nice, and kept me very busy. The three of us seemed to be constantly airborne between New York, London and Japan. I couldn't bear to be separated from Orlando, you see, so he travelled with us until he was seven when the school got rather cross. We tended to spend more time in our house in France and I cooked, gardened, still kept up the work momentum, except I was less involved with clothes."

Now it's back to clothes again. Back to the delicate skinny sweaters, to tiny, dolllike skirts and furry-belted coats.

"Well, not quite. If I pulled out some of those old Sixties clothes, you'd soon see a difference. Materials like Lycra have so improved the look of clothes. And things are never

put together in You can't quite the same way. Anyway I'd wear be bored doing the same old thing all fashionable over again. Fashion is about clothes change, rather like life." if you are Orlando, her

only child, is now size 16' so obviously the joy of her life. When she talks of him she becomes quite giggly, bubbling over with enthusiasm, describing his love of style, and how he dresses like his father, a tribute to the tradi-

> ways with some idiosyncratic "He's selling space on a marketing magazine. And he's so good at it. I'm not sure what he'll want to do eventually. Be lovely if he did want to join me here, although I feel he should have a look round other worlds first before making

that decision."

tional English tailor, but al-

Orlando's future is yet to unfold. Yet his mother has closed no gates. "My passion is to move forward, constantly discovering, renewing, discarding the old. I'm not a particularly reflective person. mean I don't wallow in nostalgia thinking, 'Oh wasn't it wonderful back then. For me the wonder is still ahead, still in the future. I know that's how Alexander would have wanted me to think too. I embrace life for him.

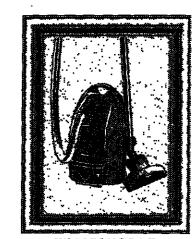
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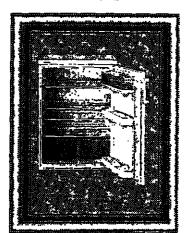
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# The common ground is high ground

George Gardiner says Tories are

about principle, not compromise

ernment is in grave danger of being suddled with a colossal myth. Like most political myths it has basis in fact, yet if repeated often enough - as it s again in the commotion following Emma Nicholson's defection - it could become fixed in the folklore of public opinion, with damaging ef-

fects for the whole party.

The myth is that the Tories are descriing the middle ground. The cry was first raised by Tony Blair last summer, with an obvious motive. It was offered by Alan-Howarth as justification for bis desertion. Now it is reneated by Emma, who adds for good measure that the Tory party "is no longer the One Nation Conservative Party of Harold Macmillan

This is echoed by that small stage army of old Tory wets. not to mention sundry commentators. As surely as night follows day, an unidentified senior MP on the left of the party" is quoted warning that other defections will follow unless John Major moves to

"reoccupy" the middle ground. The Tory Left's attempt to appropriate the "One Nation" ideal as exclusively their own is the must colossal political cheek. The

name comes from Emma an influential bookmeans that let published in 1950 by a distinguished she wants a group of vounger Tory MPs includfederal ing lain Madeod Europe and Edward Heath but also right-

wingers such as Angus Maude and Enoch Powell. It offered a cogent analysis of the nolicies that Tories should pursue to bind the nation together, and any idea that it provides the inspiration for the present programme of the Tory Left is ludicrous. The "One Nation" ideal is one shared by most of us.

ment is lurching to the right is ludictous too. I am generally credited with being on the Right of the party - some would call me an unreconstructed Thatcherite - and 1 do not recognise anything like this happening. Indeed, 1 would go further: I am con-vinced that the charge is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the political process and of what the "middle ground" means.

Amid all the soluttering about our supposed desertion of this hallowed territory, we would do well to remember a very wise distinction which the late Sir Keith Joseph drew in a landmark speech to the Oxford Union almost exactly 20 years ago. His distinction was between the middle ground in politics and the common ground. The middle ground. he argued. is a compromise between the politicians, unrelated to the aspirations of the people. The cummon ground is with the people and their aspirations.

Sir Keith was speaking in the days when the middle ground was socialist. Few then disputed that the whole areas of industry and the utilities should be state-owned and

his Conservative Gov- state-controlled, that trade union leaders had a rightful place in determining how the country was governed, that the State should control prices and incomes and a good deal more. This was the status quo. and it was a brave Tory who dared to challenge it.

Edward Heath attempted to break free in 1970, but before long he too fell under the socialist spell. It took three Parliaments under Margaret Thatcher to break the ratchet that had caused such damage to Britain since 1945.

The result is that the middle ground today is the product of nearly 17 years of Tory Government and Tory reforms. Few now dispute that privatised industries and utilities are more efficient and deliver better services to the consumer, that prices and incomes are hest determined in a free market, that union leaders have no right to determine national policies, and much more.

This is now the status quothe Tory status quo - and Blair has accepted a large part of it. For, as Keith Joseph said. the middle ground is "the lowest common denominator obmined from a calculus of assumed electoral expediency: It has no link with achieving the aspirations of

the people".

The Tory wets want taxation to be kept at a level necessary to sustain the full panoply of the welfare state, to pursue a liberal penal policy in the hope of reforming criminals, to open the

door to immigrants as wide as possible, and - most important of all - to move even closer to full European Union. They argue that John Major should respond to defections by making concessions in this direction. But this would be the most foolish of responses, for the simple reason that this

The ground we should seek to occupy is the common ground, which is very different. Certainly it means improving our schools and sustaining the health service, but it also means cutting back spending elsewhere, significantly reducing taxes, a hard-line policy on law-breakers, slamming the door on hogus asylum-seekers and above all - refusing to be

sucked into a federal Europe. Emma comes closer to the truth in alleging "prevarication" over Europe. What she means is that she wants us to sign up to a single currency, the natural foundation for a

federal Europe. We do indeed need a clearer lead here - but never in her direction. If John Major reacts to her defection at all, it must be to say what the majority of the British people yearn to hear him say: that he cannot conceive of a Tory Govern-ment surrendering our political sovereignty in this way. When the clear blue water does divide us, the commonly held ground will be found on our side of the channel. Sir George is Conservative

MF for Reigate.



SYNDICATE IS "WASTING ITS TIME"

# But why turn Liberal?

do not take a moral line about Emma Nicholson's defection or about the Tory reaction to it. She has left the Conservative Party, which she has every right to do: she has joined the Liberal Democrats, which she has every right to do: she has abused her old party and its leader, and that is free speech for her. In reply, the Tories have attacked her in a robust way, both for her policies, which they can know, and for her motives, which none of us can be sure of. As I do not always understand my own motives, certainly do not pretend to understand those of anyone else. I expect her motives were mixed, as people's motives usually are.

If I wished to give offence, and nothing could be further from my mind. I would quote Sherlock Holmes's view of feminine psychology in the case of Lady Hilda Trelawney Hope, the most lovely will be remembered, was the Secretary of State for European Affairs in Lord Bellinger's second administration. Holmes said of her: "How can you build on such a quicksand? Their most trivial actions may mean volumes, or their most extraordinary conduct may depend upon a hairpin or a curling-tongs."

In fact, however, I do not think Miss Nicholson is as much of a cutling-tongs person as one or two male members of the present Cabinet. The insult I relished most was when she said that Michael Heseltine was "not a gentleman". So far as politics is concerned, who had ever said he was?

I was more puzzled by her choice of a new party. Why the Liberal Democrats? We have all heard a good deal from Miss Nicholson in the past few days. We know what she dislikes about the Tory party, which is pretty well everything; she seemed to me to hit some targets but to miss others by a mile. I am hardly one to talk, since I have been, and am, one of the Prime Minister's critics. But is she not unfair to John Major? What I have not learnt is why she is snattracted to the Liberal Democrats. In particular why does she think that the Liberals are a better party to join than new Labour, which was Alan Howarth's choice when he left

I suppose Alan Howarth's fate is

How odd of Emma Nicholson to

espouse a party in the wilderness, with little influence or hope of power

likely to have dampened her enthusiasm for Labour. He had his few days of fame, but has not been much heard of since. He was, briefly, a news-story, but is now a non-story. No political correspondent tele-phones his news editor to announce in breathless tones: "I've just had an interview with Alan Howarth." Yet this can hardly be blamed on new Labour. Paddy Ashdown has milked the Nicholson story over the new year in exactly the way that Tony Blair milked the Howarth story at the time of the Tory party conference. Both will be yesterday's defectors before cour N

month, if I refer to Miss Nicholson at all, the copytaker will again be asking: "Is it with an 'h' or without?" And I shall not be able to remember.

Miss Nicholson has said that she is in favour of Europe, of the social chapter, and of constitutional reform. I suppose that the new Labour Party would have qualified on all three of these grounds, though her idea of constitutional reform includes proportional representation. On Newsnight she seemed to think it wrong that she had been elected for Devon West and Torridge on a minority vote. She now believes that she can best represent her constituents as a Liberal Democrat, though that too, of course, was a minority vote in 1992, and a smaller one than she had as a Conservative. On the face of it. Tony Blair and new Labour are much more attractive than Paddy Ashdown and the Lib Dems. The first reason for preferring Tony Blair is that after the election he is likely to be Prime Minister whereas Paddy Ashdown is likely to be another ex-leader of the Liberal Party. This is not a cynical reason. Effective politics is about power, because without power nothing can be done: Tony Blair is now very close

One should not belittle Paddy Ashdown. He has been rather better than competent as leader of the Liberal Party, always a thankless task. He does not rank badly among the post-war Liberal leaders, of whom Jo Grimond was by far the most impressive. Yet he is not, so far as anyone can judge, anything like so able a politician as Tony

The Liberal Democrats retain in their name the memory of the Social Democrats and the old Alliance. They had an opportunity in the 1980s, and they blew it. They also then had a

> of exceptional ability: David Owen. Roy Jenkins. Shirley Williams. I knew Shirley Williams at Oxford in the early 1950s, and so I was well able to understand her rea-

sons for leaving the anti-European. left-wing Labour Party of the Michael Foot period. She had a lifelong commitment to social democracy. rather than to socialism or liberalism. Tony Blair is the legitimate heir to the modern social democratic tradition in Britain. Any realistic Social Democrat would now vote for new Labour rather than for the Liberals. Tony Blair is doing what David Owen and Shirley Williams were only able to light for.

ven in the West Country, the Liberals have now fallen far behind Labour. In yester-day's Financial Times. George Parker reported the November Gallup 9000 figures for Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset, I give them with the actual percentages of the votes at the last general election, in 1992, in brackets. Labour has an overwhelming current lead with 51% (19.2%), the Liberal Democrats are a poor second with 25.7% (31.4%), the Conservatives are third with 22.2% (47.6%). These are terrible figures for the Conservatives, but they are bad for the Liberals too. The Liberals hope to pick up as many as 15 seats in the South West, mainly from Labour tactical voting. But there is no reason for Labour voters to vote tactically for the Liberals, when they have twice as much support. They can take the seats for

In the past, the Liberals have had some residual air of being the party of free trade, and people who are opposed both to socialism and to the Tories felt that Liberalism was the genuine third way. This fear of socialism has not been entirely removed by new Labour, but it has almost been removed. To many people, the Liberals now look more like a party of the Left — a high tax. interventionist party - than like any sort of a free-trade party of the Centre. An anti-Tory. Adam Smith. Gladstonian Liberal of the old school

the new Labour Party.

There is a real difference over Europe. The Liberal Democrats. almost all of them, have become Euro-fanatics in a sense that Labour members have not. Of course all three parties are divided on the subject. Yet this pushes the Liberals even further away from the electorate, particularly from the relatively old-fashioned voters of the South West. One only has to con-

sider the Cornish fishing industry to see that extreme Euro-federalism which seems to have attracted Miss Nicholson towards the Liberal Democrats - is quite remote from what the voters of that region actually want.

The Liberal Democrats now face two very difficult elections, in the first of which the Labour Party will verv probably win a large majority for moderate, and indeed liberal, modernism. In the general election after that, the Tories will be lighting back, as they did in 1950, and the Liberals are likely to be squeezed as they were then. For the next ten years the Liberals are unlikely to be anywhere near power, unless they have the luck of a hung Parliament in the election after next. That is just as well, as they are now contributing rather little to the national debate on most of the more difficult issues of politics. It is far from being their finest hour.

# Alan Coren



🖀 Here's a real fairy-tale: the Princess and the plum

hat a good boy am !! I sit here in this great newspaper's corner, but do I selfishly polish off this excellent Christmas pie I have just discovered under the pile of empties surrounding my desk? I do not. Having put in my thumb and pulled out the most enor-mous plum. I immediately tri-furcate it and offer it to three pitiful unfortunates who have probably had the rottenest Christmas any of them can remember. And when you hear that these three are the Commons, the Lords and the Church, you must surely conclude that I am an even better boy than you thought. For when did a member of the Fourth Estate ever do as much for any one of the other three, let alone

all of them simultaneously? Here is the first slice on its way to that beleaguered spot where the Prime Minister sits, among the dropping needles, with his head in his hands. He does not know what to do about that woman. No. not that woman. Nor even, for once. That Woman. This that woman that he does not know what to do about is the Princess of Wales. For he has just promised her a role in public life. He doesn't know why, it just slipped out, the way things do, and now he doesn't know what, either. He dare not give her the job she wants, she would be a roving cannon, he dare not give her a job she doesn't want, she would be on Panorama every five minutes fetchingly arguing that all her failures were really his.

That is also why the second slice of plum goes to her noble peers, whose own futures have been put in doubt by the doubtfulness of hers: one more aristocratic foot wrong and the entire wobbly structure could collapse into republican débacle, they would be at one with Duke Ellington. Count Basie, Earl Bostic and Lord Sutch, but with none of the talent, never mind the loss of £29 a day plus all found, just for

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having a kip.
And the Church? Here, the plum will shift its focus but begin. I suspect, to sharpen yours; for what is currently further ramshackling this third rundown estate is the dread of next Saturday. Because next Saturday, some sad jerk is going to win £40 million. He will not be a sad jerk when he wins it, of course, he will be a very happy ierk, he will not become a sad jerk until two days later, when the money begins, as, according to the lamentations of our bish-

ops it must, to wreck his life. For once, the bishops are not wrong. We have seen it happen. We know that our new millionaires do not know what a million is, or what to do with it. They buy a suburban bungalow, a new Mondeo, a fortnight in Magaluf, and because that is all they have ever wanted, they do not know what to want after that. They have not been trained to spend. So they give the huge remainder to a Camelot adviser, who sticks it in gilts and pension funds, and the millionaires, bored and wantless, go back to delivering letters and plastering walls.

o do you see what, if we now reassemble the three segments, this plum is, apart of course from a laboured metaphor, and, imminently, an even more laboured pun? It is a plum job. It is a plum job for Diana and one, moreover, for which she is uniquely qualified. She is the most experienced spender we have. Who better to train jerks to be millionaires. to tell them which Belgravian house to buy, which Ferrari. which Cessna, which private Bahamian atoli to lease for the summer, which chic Alp for the winter, which wardrobe to commission from Lagerfeld, which bespoke trinkets from Van Cleef & Arpels to set it off a treat. which restaurant to gorge in, which hydro to shed in, and which ass gives the hest milk? Lift your head, John! Give her this: under-secretary to Mrs Bottomley, two big blondes in radiant harness, spreading joy. The luttery is your greatest legisla-tive triumph, lacking, so far, only the feelgood factor with which only Diana can endow it: she will not let the jerks wreck their poor lives, she will empower them to enrich their rich ones. She will make them feel good. and the country, too, placating the bishops, reassuring the lords, and jollying up your Government's prospects no end by squelching Labour's nerdy bid

for lots of little, sensible prizes.

Every Camelot needs the right

princess. This one was made

sitting down uncomfortable? Fashion queens are on tenterhooks for

# Bat and boule

BOXGROVE MAN might have put on more runs than Mike Atherton's batsmen vesterday, There are suspicions that, despite his immense age (500,000 years).

he might have been a cricketer. The human origins department at the Natural History Museum is investigating what may be prehistoric cricket balls, discovered at the site in West Sussex where the bones of the ancient Briton were previously found.

Mark Roberts, the Boxgrove project director from the Institute of Archaeology, is baffled: "We have discovered a number of chalk balls on the site, some of which are inveribed with chalk lines. They are about the size of cricket balls and they are completely enigmatin "he says, "They could possibly have been for some sort of recreational use, but until we have conserved and cleaned them we

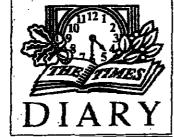
really don't know." The bat and ball theory bears consideration. According to David Frith of Wisdon's Cricket Monthly. one of the first recorded games took place in 1662, when six parishioners in Boxgrove were prosecuted for playing cricket on consecrated ground. But Roberts still isn't convinced: "As they are all grouped together, perhaps they were some ancient form of

boules, such as the French play." As investigations continue, the shinbone and teeth of Bovgrove Man go on public display for the first time today at the Natural History Museum.

# Full rig

TOMORROW the new Governor of the Falklands, Richard Ralph, will proudly take home his ceremonial regalia (complete with cocked hat topped by 15 in of swan's plumaget from the Savile Row store of Alan Bennett, official uniform





maker to colonial gevernors. He joins the Governors of Antigua. Bermuda and St Vincent in such resplendent attire, and the taifor is longing to kit out a fifth Governor: Chris Patten in Hong Kong Patten, however, has said that will not wear the traditional garb, even though his predecessor. Sir David Wilson, was an enthusiast for it, "A great shame," says Bennett, "The people of Hong Kong must think he can't afford it."

# Top tipple

THE DUKE of Buccleuch, one of Scotland's richest men and the largest private landowner in Europe, has been tippling away this Christmas. He is to market a 12year-old malt whisky. Douglas of Drumlanrig, in an attempt to lure visitors to his ancestral home.

"I can't ciaim to be a very good judge of whisky, but I just knew

what I liked," said the Duke. 72. from the sporty, electric wheel-chair to which he has been confined since a riding accident 24 years ago. The Duke sampled a number of malts to ensure he got the taste of Drumlanrig. "It's a personal thing. I got really quite lit up in the course of my sampling."

# Booted

to winning power.

THE Labour-controlled council in Camden provided Virginia Bottomley with an early Christmas present: her car was clamped as she popped in to see her aunt. Peggy Jay. It was parked outside Mrs Jay's Hampstead flat, and there was a pre-paid Camden council scratchcard parking permit on the dashboard.

The usually meticulous Heritage Minister hadn't scratched the card. as required, to indicate when she parked, and consequently had to fork out £38 to free her vehicle. However, she brushes off the incident: "It was all really just a bit of bad luck. But it was a very happy family tea party."

●"If the Conservative Party cannot use people like me in one way or another, even stuffing envelopes," said the defecting MP Emma Nicholson the other day. "then it really has changed." Yesterday hundreds of envelopes pinched from the House of Commons stationers cupboard were



Bickersteth; future diarist

her door in the Commons.

# Ella's view

A LITTLE GIRL beloved of Lewis

ice, has emerged posthumously as a literary figure in her own right. Ella Bickersteth — shown here here playing soldiers in Carroll's college rooms in Christ Church, Oxford, in 1865 - kept diaries which have now been edited by her grandson. Bishop John No fewer than a hundred members of the Bickersteth family turned out for the launch in Canterbury; the book's foreword is hy Lord Coggan, and sales are already buoyant. There have been Bickersteths in Canterbury for more than 60 years," says the for-mer Bishop of Bath and Wells and apparently the headmaster of the King's School, Canterbury, wants the book put on the school syllabus. Cushy number THE LATEST fashion accessory

must be the cushion. The ageing rock singer Madonna, who is in London rehearsing her lead role in

around the capital in evening gear clutching one tightly to her breast. No explanation was given. Was it a present? Is she suffering from a dumped without ceremony outside back complaint, or from some other ghastly condition which makes

the answer.

Evita, has been sponed running



# THE HOLLAND REPORT

A timely reminder of falling standards at school

The history of postwar education is marked out in speeches and papers expressing worry, doubt and fear of falling standards. Many of them have been mocked on publication but almost all have been of benefit in time. The debate on education is in constant need of urgency. Political parties by themselves have now become so bogged down in arguments about the structures of school management that they seem barely to have noticed the inexorable relative slippage in school standards. Yesterday's speech by Sir Geoffrey Holland, a former Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, was a cold and timely reminder of how badly Britain performs compared with its competitors overseas.

Sir Geoffrey set out in bald statistics the failure of this country's education and training systems, recently dismissed as "inadequate" by the World Economic Forum. Britain lost four places last year in the global competitiveness table: meanwhile its workforce is becoming ever less skilled (in relative terms) and its education ranks only 35th in the world, far lower than its funding deserves. Britain has many fewer 16 and 17year-olds in education than France and Germany. The proportion of 16-year-olds passing GCSEs in mathematics, the national language and one science is just 27 per cent here, compared with 62 per cent in

Germany and 66 per cent in France. At A level, the figures are just as bad. But the real problems start much earlier. Given a simple addition and subtraction, only 4 per cent of the bottom 40 per cent of British 13year-olds could answer correctly. Given a far more complicated sum. 76 per cent of the equivalent Germans could do so. As Sir Geoffrey says, our 13-year-olds generally lag two years behind their continental equiva-

lents and never catch up. Given that the raw material cannot be much different, this is a terrible indictment of the standards of teaching and learning in British schools. But perhaps the results are not so surprising when it is remembered that 30 per cent of the lessons that Ofsted

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inspectors observe in schools are deemed unsatisfactory.

Sir Geoffrey is well aware of the political constraints that limit further expenditure on education. So his prescriptions attempt to raise standards in a way that produces a bigger return on the money that is already spent. An assault on poor teachers would certainly reduce what Sir Geoffrey calls "waste" - lessons that do nothing to further a child's education. But recruiting new ones and paying them more, as he also suggests, is not costless. Some money can be raised by requiring further and higher education students to pay their way through college with a graduate tax; but that cash seems to have been hallmarked by him for universal nursery education and smaller primary

His suggestion that pupils should take examinations when they are ready to do so instead of at a predetermined age would introduce a welcome element into schools of the flexibility that has already produced results in the vocational field. But there is no need, as he proposes, to "wave goodbye" to A levels. They could and should remain as a rigorous alternative to vocational qualifications, even within the unified qualification system that he wants to see.

Most important, however, is a change of philosophy in schools. And this is most likely to be achieved with the appointment of tough and determined head teachers. Countless examples already exist of poorly performing schools being turned round by a new head, with no extra money but with an ethos that embraces rigour, discipline, enthusiasm and high expectations.

So Sir Geoffrey is right to identify problems of leadership in schools. And he is right too to concentrate our minds on outcomes as well as processes and structures. Britain's education system is producing unacceptably poorly-qualified people. This is a problem not just for parents or children. It is a problem for the whole country - its society, its economy and its position in the world.

# RING IN THE NEW

British Telecom's new man and his battles ahead

A new year, a new chief executive and a new battle with the regulator: British Telecom's new chief executive. Sir Peter Bonfield, started his job this week by promising that 1996 presaged a "roller-coaster ride" for the company, on both the regulatory and competition fronts. If Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, is not already sharpening his sabre, he should pull out the whetstone now.

Sir Peter arrives fresh from ICL, Britain's biggest computer company. Used to privatesector competition, rather than near-monopoly regulation, he may well have decided that the best way to stop a watchdog biting one's ankles is to growl at it. But, having spent much of his career in America, he will also understand the experience of utility oversight there. By US standards, BT is hardly the cowering victim of overzealous regulation that it sometimes pretends to be.

Mr Cruickshank is a devoted champion of the consumer. But he is not a devoted regulator. He would prefer competition to do for the consumer the job that he is forced to do through such techniques as pricecapping. Twelve years after privatisation, however, BT still retains 90 per cent of the telecoms market and dominates every area in which it operates. Oftel has to prevent BT exploiting this near-monopoly position at the expense of the user.

Instead of the present filigree of rules and regulations. Oftel would prefer simply to have the power to seek out anti-competitive behaviour and put an end to it. It has proposed such a change in BT's operating

licence, but the company has rejected the idea, along with a suggested new pricing structure. If the two bodies remain at loggerheads, the issue will be resolved by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Cruickshank has good reason to be suspicious of BT. The last issue on which they clashed was so-called "number portability" - which would allow customers who switched from one telephone company to another to keep their old number. Although the technology for this has been available since 1992, BT has been reluctant to put it into practice, thereby keeping a large deterrent in the way of people opting for another provider. Eventually, the disagreement was taken to the MMC, which ruled in Oftel's favour.

The consumer should rejoice at Oftel's power. Since privatisation, BT's customers have paid 40 per cent less in call charges, while the company's efficiency has risen by 40 per cent. They need not weep for the company. Thanks to its digital exchanges, it can now offer all sorts of profitable new services, such as "call waiting". And the convergence of telecoms, computers and home entertainment will open up myriad avenues of business in the future.

If BT wants less interference from Mr Cruickshank, it will have to accept more competitive pressure from its rivals. Its status as "national champion" is not under threat. Companies that are cosseted at home do badly abroad. Only innovative, competitive and efficient operators can hope to do well in the international race.

# THE EURO-GOAT

The noble sign of Capricorn rules over everyone born between December 21 and January 20. But because of its influence over New Year's Day, there have been an unusual number of institutions created

under its sway.

Britain's relationship with the European Union began under Capricorn on New Year's Day, 1973; the European single market was formally inaugurated on January 1, 1993. But these dates will be remembered as little more than pre-history. if the single European currency, which was christened "euro" as Capricorn was rising last month over Madrid, survives its eight-

year gestation and is delivered on schedule

under Capricorn on January 1, 1999. Astrology tells us that Capricorns, in spite of their goatish ruler, are marked by nobility and patience, rather than by aggressiveness, levity or concupiscence. Among their virtues are a powerful sense of duty and responsibility for others, as well as the willingness to take a long-term view. Their vices are pessimism, depression and undue conservarism. In the early years of the EEC, the Capricornian virtues were far more in evidence than the vices. But as Europe prepares for the birth of the monetary changeling of Maastricht, the Capricornian gloom is settling across the continent like a pall. The effort to turn the whole continent into the economic simulacrum of Germany - one moderately successful, but by no means faultless country - has instilled pessimism and depression into the peoples of all Europe. Europe's leaders have attempted to justify their relentless and unpopular federalist quest with a typically Capricornian response.

They have demanded sacrifice and patience, attempting to evoke a sense of historic duty and to convince the disgruntled of their responsibility to generations yet unborn. When all else has failed, as it did in France just before Christmas, they have fallen back on fearful conservatism. Political elites who have dedicated themselves for decades to smothering Germany in a united Europe can now imagine no other course.

But despite all the politicians' efforts, the European people have remained negative and morose. They find no inspiration in the euro, foreseeing in its birth in 1999 only the start of a long and oppressive age of Capricornian timidity and gloom.

It needs neither an expert astrologer nor an expert economist to see why. The birth of the euro, whether it occurs under Capricorn or any other of the 12 star-signs, will indeed be a day of deep ill-omen for the whole of Europe. Perhaps the leaders of the member states of the EU should take note - before it is far too late - of the principal astrological prediction for Capricorns for 1996: "This is a year to avoid monetary commitments and seek the possibility of more spiritual expression."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Accounting for failures in manufacturing industry

From Eur Ing Professor Alexander Kennaway

Sir, Tim Congdon, in his article of December 29, "Where have all Brit-ain's middle-aged men gone?", wonders why we are no better off after the Tory transformation of manufacturing industry. He should look elsewhere than to labour productivity and costs for his answers, especially in the field of mechanical engineering.

For example, according to a recently published report, few British suppliers to the automotive industries devote much time and resource to research and development or to design, whereas in Japan even the small firms in that sector spend between 5 and 10 per cent of their turnover on R & D.

Secondly, the practice of driving down costs of suppliers is doubleedged, since many companies can no longer afford to invest in better products and processes. We are in danger of returning to the blinkered view that the main aim of work is reducing labour costs: the reduction of human beings to automatons serving machines. which failed in the 1930s, will fail again to promote a thriving economy.

Thirdly, modern production sys-tems require fewer manually skilled craftsmen of the old school. The operation of these systems requires people with the ability to manage a largely computer-controlled process within a fast-moving commercial environment. Initiative, intelligence, imagination. flexibility and the ability to learn

From Mr John Marshall, MP for

Sir, I should like to support the thrust

if not the complete detail of Alf Mor-

ris's letter (December 27) calling on

the Government to give financial help

to haemophiliacs infected with hepati-

tis C by contaminated NHS blood pro-

ducts. He draws a comparison be-tween hepatitis C and HIV, but there

is a significant difference between

them which could give the Govern-

ment the chance to combine compas-

For all of those with HIV the prog-

nosis was poor. That is not the case

with hepatitis C. Only a minority of

those infected will develop cirrhosis of

the liver, which will provoke an early

and painful death. If they were to be

treated on a par with those haemo-

philiaes infected with HIV the cost

would be some £35 to 40 million

The only argument I have heard

against such a proposal is that it would create a precedent. That is the

language of the administrator and not

As Alf Morris pointed out, more

than 50 haemophiliacs have died of

hepatitis C. They and their relatives

received nothing. In one family, two

haemophiliaes died of Aids-related

diseases whilst one died of hepatitis C.

The former received an ex-gratia pay-

ment; the latter did not. How can we

justify treating these three brothers

differently? Is one life worth more

William Waldegrave, as Health

Secretary, assisted in securing help

for haemophiliacs infected with HIV.

Let him, as Chief Secretary, be equally

benign towards those other victims.

Sir, Dr Lionel Kreeger (letter, Decem-

ber 28; see also letters, January 2) is

aggrieved, in my view rightly, at be-

ing charged by a practice manager for

a set of records which he requested;

and also surprised to be told that this

has become "an acceptable develop-

ment". Inevitable perhaps; but surely

As a long-retired doctor, I take two

and obvious one is the revelation of

the ridiculous extent to which the free

play of market forces has corrunted

what should be normal professional

Less obviously, it provides further

evidence of the general desirability of

consultants seeing patients only by re-ferral from their family doctor, who

has the responsibility for their contin-

courtesy and interchange.

sons from his experience. The first

than another? I think not.

Yours faithfully,

December 27.

JOHN L MARSHALL

House of Commons.

NHS charges

Sir Douglas Black

not acceptable.

uing care.

Yours etc.

January 2.

DOUGLAS BLACK

Physicians, 1977-83),

Reading, Berkshire.

The Old Forge.

(President, Royal College of

Whitchurch-on-Thames,

Klosters concern

From Mrs Ronald Marshall

ski together at Klosters.

prise is even greater.

l am, yours faithfully.

TILLY MARSHALL

Riverside Cottage,

Sir, Recalling the tragic accident there

in 1988, I was very surprised when I

first learnt (report, January 2) that

three heirs to the throne were due to

After the accident to Inspector Tony

Parker (report, January 3), my sur-

Swinbrook, Burford, Oxfordshire.

From Professor Emeritus

spread over several years.

the politician.

Hendon South (Conservative)

Blood victims

sion with prudence.

new skills and cultures are the qualities called for, and these require retraining in addition to education and training.

Finally, I would remind Mr Congdon that the shift of such work to the countries of the Pacific Rim threatens the traditional employment of many people in advanced industrial coun-

Yours faithfully A. KENNAWAY, 12 Fairholme Crescent. Ashtead, Surrey. December 29.

From Mrs Sandra R. Painz

Sir. Tim Congdon presents a very nar-row view, based on highly debatable assumptions. My own belief is that the cause of the Government's failure to keep a vital and highly productive group of people (ie, men in late middle age) fully employed arises from the Conservatives' policies of privatisation, deregulation, trade union reform and reduced government intervention in industry.

Yours faithfully, SANDRA PAINZ, II Hydefield Close, Winchmore Hill. N21. December 29.

From Mr John Knox

Sir, According to Philip Bassett ("What Britain pays for unemploy-ment", Business, December 29) the total cost of our unemployment per person is "a notch under £8,000" every

Many of those included in these figures have been made redundant because of subsidised imports. Italy, for instance, runs a trading surplus in textiles which mirrors our own deficit in that trade.

How many shirts at a subsidised saving of, say, £1.50 each does the nation have to buy annually to compen-sate for full-time textile redundancies costing almost £8,000 a year per vic-

Yours faithfully JOHN KNOX. Hareville House, Kettlesing Bottom, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

From Mr J. W. Williams

Sir, Surely the achievement of higher productivity in manufacturing can be closely related to the "loss" of so many skilled and dedicated workers aged between 35 and 65. For Tim Congdon to postulate that "perverse work incentives created by some of Britain's social security and tax arrangements" are at the root of the Government's economic problems is a bit hard to

Yours sincerely, J. W. WILLIAMS, 2 Cherwell Cottage The Green, Freeland, Oxfordshire.

December 29.

# Burglary and defence of the home

From Mr Michael Stephen. MP for Shoreham (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Francis Bennion (letter, December 28) criticises the Home Secretary for asking the police and the Crown Prosecution Service to treat any "have-a-go hero" more sympatherically. Today's report on the businessman who struggled in his own home with an alleged burglar, with fatal results, makes it all the more clear that such criticism is misconceived.

The Home Secretary has no legal power to instruct either the police or the CPS in such matters, and he has not done so. However, the public do hold him accountable, and they are rightly concerned when people seeking to protect their homes, families, and property from criminals find themselves in court. Mr Howard is entitled to draw

these concerns to the attention of any

burglar enters a person's house at his own risk and should not complain if he suffers injury or detention. It is my view, which I have argued in Parliament, that no householder in

agency in the criminal justice system, and I am glad that he has done so. A

such a situation should even be taken to the police station unless the circumstances are quite exceptional. Nor should the injured criminal be entitled to make a civil claim without leave of the court.

Burglary is a dreadful crime, which can ruin the lives of its victims. Burglars must understand that they will no longer be accorded the resigned toleration which they have enjoyed for the past thirty years.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL STEPHEN, House of Commons. January 3.

# Export assistance

From Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

Sir, Sir Ralph Robins (letter, December 28) is right to emphasise the need to maintain the commercial sections of our embassies and high commissions. While recognising the pure diplomatic function of our overseas posts. I would suggest that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department of Trade and Industry should be exploring ways of increasing support facilities for UK firms, many of which are too small to have the first-class international organisation and reputation of, say, Sir Ralph's own company, Rolls-Royce.

During a series of discussions with potential sponsors for my next global

yacht race, my people at Clipper 96 have 100 often had to explain that HMG representatives are indeed wilcal trade promotions in any of the 15 stopover ports. If more were known of the enthusiasm and expertise of our commercial envoys perhaps fewer firms would be nervous of looking beyond the EU for new markets.

The FCO and DTI must be encouraged to sing their own praises and drown out the "noises off" who would like to cut back on these services.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON (Chairman, Clipper 96), Cowley House, Little College Street, SWI. January 1.

# Out of pocket

From Mr Barend van der Sanden

Sir, If the cost of a forged ten franc piece is one franc and the sale price is Fr10 ("French forgers threaten new European coins", January 1) then the profit is 900 per cent, not 90 per cent. When in Nice, one of these coins came into my possession. My loss was 100 per cent.

BAREND van der SANDEN, 35 Downs View Road. Swindon, Wiltshire. January 2

# Ashtrays à la Carlyle

From Miss Susan Pease

same as that of the Carlyle hotel in New York (letters, December 21, January I) and my ashtrays are not glued down; but I find that the tube from a cylinder vacuuum cleaner or a damp cloth works very well and saves spreading ash more than necessary.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN PEASÉ

Sir, I don't know if my method is the

130 Goldhurst Terrace, NW6.

environment.

So long as exchange rates remain variable any incipient deficit, say, in

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# A stitch, in time

From Ms Helen France

Sir, On a recent Saturday afternoon, during a game of hockey, my partner sustained a deep cut on the chin, requiring stitches. At a nearby hospital emergency department he was seen by a nurse within half an hour for an initial assessment, thus paying lip service to the requirements of the Citizen's Charter.

After a further hour-and-a-half wait a nurse spent ten minutes administering stitches and a tetanus jab. The doctor spent the whole of this time hunched over a computer terminal, apparently trying to find the word "stitches" in the multitude of menus so that it could be selected and added to the medical record.

If doctors are having to spend so much time playing secretary it is small wonder that there is a shortage of them and that waiting lists for operations (which unfortunately cannot be done by even the most competent of secretaries) are so long.

HELEN FRANCE, 42 Bristow Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. December 31.

vice versa.

# Single currency

From Dr E. J. Mishan

Sir, It may be true, as Mr Vernon Ellis asserts (letter. December 16), that most European businessmen prefer a single European currency. But contrary to his belief, the single currency would not produce a stable economic

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Britain's balance of payments tends to correct itself through a decline in sterling relative to other currencies, and

If, on the other hand, sterling is fixed, or if we adopt a single European currency, any persisting balance-ofpayments deficit acts to reduce employment and income in Britain, so destabilising the economy.

In sum, if the tendency to balanceof-payments equilibrium through variations in the exchange rate is impeded, equilibrium can be restored only by variations in income and employ-

Yours faithfully. E. J. MISHAN, 22 Gainsborough Gardens, NWII. December 16.

# Charity giving as lottery incentive

From Mr Paul Buttle

Sir, I was astonished to read Lord Astor's assurance (letter, December 2h: see also letter. December 2i) that "as a result of concerns expressed on all sides in both Houses on the effect of the proposed lottery on charitable giving the Government agreed that the lottery should not be allowed to market itself as a way of making a charitable donation".

He must surely have noticed, to paraphrase his own words, that the clear divide between buying a lottery ticket and giving to charity has already be-come muddled.

In November a full-page advertisement appeared in several newspapers of a handicapped woman seated in a wheelchair. In bold letters above the picture were the words: "Judy now has power steering and a top speed of 70 mph." In smaller lettering beneath. it continued: "£30,000 has been given by the National Lottery Charities Board to buy a lo-seat minibus for the Stafford Swallows Sports Club for the Disabled."

The advertisement went on to say that "... whenever you play The National Lottery, you'll be helping someone else to further themselves", and concluded with the cheery crossed-fingers symbol and the words "The National Lottery Charities Board is independent of Camelot Group plc and the

Government.
I complained to the Advertising Standards Authority that this advertisement might appear to have been placed by the National Lottery Charities Board. They did not agree. They said that the use of Camelot's logo in the advert, by which I think they mean the crossed-fingers symbol. would leave readers in no doubt that

Camelot were the advertisers. I then complained to Oflor that the advertisement seemed designed to persuade readers to spend money on lottery tickets, of which only a fraction goes to charity, instead of giving it straight to charity. Offor did not agree. They doubted "that the advert was designed to divert money away from charities . . . instead that it was meant to remind people ... [that lottery]

sales benefit good causes". Reminding people of the lottery money which goes to "good causes" then is obviously not the same as markering the lonery as a way of making charitable contributions. Perhaps Oflot can see this distinction; I'm afraid

it is lost on me. Yours faithfully. PAUL BUTTLE.

18 Brewery Lane, Keswick, Cumbria. December 26.

From Prebendary Rodney Schofield Sir, Anglican bishops may condemn huge lottery wins as "grotesque" and "obscene", and bemoan the ill-effects of a scratchcard culture (report, January I), but I fear their words will car-

ry little weight until they also re-

nounce taking advantage of the heritage funds that are generated. This will be a hard and bitter financial pill to swallow, costing the Church millions of pounds. But that, I believe, is the price of moral integrity - or so I was taught in my Methodist upbringing, for which I remain pro-

Yours faithfully, RODNEY SCHOFFELD. The Rectory, West Monkton, Taunton, Somerset. January i.

toundly grateful.

# Barnwell Manor

From Mr Paul R. M. Howell

Sir, Barnwell Manor was not "put up for sale" by the Duke of Gloucester as stated by PHS on December 23. The duke has leased the manor and the medieval castle that nestle in the grounds to me for a period of ten years, and I understand that there is every probability that the Gloucesters will return to Barnwell when the lease

Yours etc PAUL R. M. HOWELL Berengar Antiques. Barnwell Manor. Barnwell, nr Oundle, Peterborough. Cambridgeshire. January 2.

ets (letter, December 28), how did the

Magi know they should stop when

# The Magi's star

From Lord Kilbracken Sir. If the Star of Bethlehem was no more than a conjunction of two plan-

they reached Bethlehem? Yours faithfully JOHN KILBRACKEN, Killegar, Co Leitrim, Ireland.

# Really and truly?

From Mr A. C. McCourt

Sir. My hitherto fruitless search for a satisfactory definition of that elusive but much-bruited concept of "virtual reality" has been further complicated by the information in your Archers' anniversary feature ("'Racier' Archers plough on into their 46th year". January I) that the list of "real" people who had played themselves in the series included Dame Edna Everage.

Yours faithfully. A. C. McCOURT. Prospect House. inglesbatch, Bath, Avon. January 2



# SOCIAL **NEWS**

### Birthdays today

Professor Victoria Bruce, psychologist, 43: Miss Grace Bumbry, opera and concert singer, 59; Mr Alexander Chancellor, journalist, 56; Miss Rosalie Crutchley, actress, 74; Mr lain Cuthbertson, actor, 66; Mr Alan Dyer, former Chief Constable, Bedfordshire, 62; Mr Guy Forget, tennis player, 31; Mr Abe Hamilton, fashion designer, 34: Professor K.J. Hancock, economist, 61: Sir Havelock Hudson, former chairman. Lloyd's, 77: Lieutenant Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchison, 93; Professor B. Josephson, physicist, 56: Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, 53: Professor L.E. Lanyon, Principal. Royal Veterinary College, 52: the Hon Diana Makgill, civil servant, 66: Miss Marga-ret Marshall, opera and con-cert singer, 47: Mr Floyd Patterson, boxer, 61; Mr Nicholas Payne, director, Royal Opera, Covent Garden, 51; the Earl of Ranfurly, 67; Mr T.J. Rix. publisher. 62; the Rev Edward Rogers, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, 87; Sir Alan Thomas, civil servant, 53; Sir Colin Turner, former MP, 74; Mrs Audrey Wise, MP, 61. .

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: James Ussher Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, chronologist, Dublin, 1881; Giovanni Pergolesi, compos-er, Iesi, Italy, 1710; Jacob Grimm, philologist and folktale collector, Hanau, Germany, 1785; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind, Coupvray, France, 1809: Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of a shorthand system, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1813; Augustus John, painter, Tenby, Dyfed, 1878.

DEATHS: Stephen Hales, clergyman, pioneer of plant physiology, Teddington, Middlesex, 1761; Joseph John Gurney, philanthropist and writer, 1847; Cornelius Vanderbilt, financier, New York, 1877; Charles Keene, artist, London, 1891; Benito Goldos, novelist and dramatist, Madrid, 1920; Henri Bergson, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1928, Paris, 1941; Albert Camus, novelist, Nobel laureate 1957, Sens, France, 1960; Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, laureate 1948, London, 1965; Donald Campbell, killed when his speedboat crashed' on Coniston Water, Cumbria. 1967; Joy Adamson, naturalist and writer, Shaba game reserve. Kenya, 1980: Christopher Isherwood, novelist, California, 1986.

The first successful appendix operation was performed by Dr Williams West Grant in Iowa. 1885.

Rose Heilbron became the first woman to sit as a judge at the Old Bailey, 1972.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will be the principal guest speaker on the first morning of the 50th Oxford farming conference to be held at the Examination Schools, Oxford

# Residents unite to create community centre

# Octagon brings new hope to estate

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Malvern Hills. steep and striking, where hordes of summer hikers follow in the melancholy footsteps of Sir Edward Elgar, form a setting of which any town could be proud. But Great Malvern itself, far from being a jewel in the crown, is mostly a shapeless sprawl unworthy of its

surroundings.
The Brook Farm estate on its southeastern fringe, is all too typical. An otherwise unexceptional development of 1960s brick houses and lowrise blocks of flats was blighted from the start by the perverse decision to fill the spaces in between not with grass but with concrete and asphalt. Around and behind them runs a series of dingy, unattractive alleyways that might have been specifically designed for petty crime and vandalism.

Within a generation it had become a "problem" estate. The planners' hopes of achieving a harmonious community by mixing elderly people with families with young children had achieved the opposite effect. The children taunted, provoked and sometimes physically attacked their elders, to the point where the latter were constantly sum-

moning the police.
In 1987 a group of residents decided things could not go on the way they were and formed a community association. Four years later they were able to persuade the district council to dig up the concrete and replace it with grass, get rid of the alleyways and plant trees and shrubs.

The council also gave the association a plot of land and a grant of £75.000 to build a community centre. The county council put in another £30,000 and a further £45,000 came from charitable trusts and from various fundraising activities Local churches helped to organise fêtes, and a nearby stately homeowner twice opened her gardens to the public and donated the £2,000 proceeds.

By NORMAN HAMMOND

ARCHAEOLOGY

CORRESPONDENT

A PAIR of spectacles, thought

to be the earliest found in

Britain, has been uncovered

on the Thames foreshore in

London. Dating probably from about 1500, the pair may

have been among the first to have pads to hold the frames

The spectacles were found at

Swan Stairs in the City by

Terry Letch, Roger Green and

Rikki Sullivan, who were

searching with a metal detec-

tor. They recognised the sig-

on the bridge of the nose.



Janice Evans, assistant secretary, and Don Pierce with children from the kindergarten

light, airy and warm and houses a kindergarten and playgroup, an after-school club, a youth club, indoor games, aerobics and keep-fit classes and a Sunday school. All the equipment, including the office furniture, filing cabinets and photocopier, has been donated by wellwishers.

Don Pierce, the association's chairman, is keen to expand the range of activities. in particular to get the older residents more involved and to break down the resentment some of them still feel for their younger neighbours.

The centre is a symbol of

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have bought their homes, and the rest are managed by a housing association. The houses have their own garmaintained by the residents themselves.

enjoyed having a better place

like a village green." ☐ The Octagon Brook Farm Community Centre is one of the winners of the 1995 Community Enterprise Awards, known as the Octagon, has the quality of life on the estate. fences, and their are community and sponsored by

"There is a whole new spirit," Marie Allison, the association's secretary, says.
"Everyone on the estate has

"We have had fêtes and outdoor parties and a great bonfire night. On summer evenings the kids play cricket and football and the adults come out to watch. It's just

been open for just a year. It is A third of the inhabitants nal shrub and flower gardens The Times and Touche Ross.

# Church news

The Rev Fred Woods, Vicar, Christ Church, Warminster (Salisbury): to be Team Rector, Woodley Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Michael Woods, Team ector. Great Yarmouth Team Ministry and Chaplain to East Norfolk Police (Norwich): to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral. The Rev John Wright, Priest-in-charge, Offenham and Bretford

(Worcester): to be Rector, Backwell w Chelvey and Brockley (Bath and

Resignations and retirements The Rev Leslie Baxter, Vicar, Shapwick w Ashcott and Burtle (Bath and Wells): to retire. The Rev Richard Ghest, Rector, Tickenham (Bath and Wells): to

The Rev Stuart Holt. Assistant Curate, St Mary, Portchester (Portsmouth): to resign December

Vicar, St Saviour, Portsea (Portsmouth): resigned November 30. The Rev Allan Lancashire, Rector, Horley w Hornton and Hanwell Shenington and Alkerton (Oxford): to retire January 31, 1996. The Rev Michael Leadheater, Vicar, Rushall (Lichfield): to retire

Kirkby Fleetham w Langton-on-Swale and Scruton (Ripon): to The Rev John Hutchinson, Priest marsh and Sulham (Oxford): has resigned.

# Baroness Hayman

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Helene Valerie Hayman has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Hayman, of Dartmouth Park in the London Borough of Camden.

# Appointment

David Gore-Booth to be British High Commissioner to India in succession to Sir Nicholas Fenn. who will be retiring from the Diolomatic Service

# Tom Burns

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Tom Burns will be held at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London. Wl, on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, at 2pm.

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M.H. Bailey and Miss C.E.A. Wood The engagement is announced between John Michael Hoare, elder son of the late Mr John H. Bailey and of Mrs Elise Bailey, of Meols Drive. Hoylake, Wirral, and Claire Elizabeth Anne, elder and Caute England Anne. Guer daughter of the late Reverend Thomas Wood, and of Mr and Mrs Montague Christopher, of Sandringham, Norfolk.

### Mr R.A. Barber and Miss M.A.G. Nathaniels The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Barber, of Walton-on-

the Hill, Surrey, and Miranda, youngest daughter of Mr Ray Nathaniels, of Nassau, Bahamas, and Mrs Elizabeth Nathaniels, of Christchurch, Dorset. Mr R.O. Bernays and Miss R. Horwood-Smart

# The engagement is announced between Richard Bernays, of Elgin Crescent, London, Wil, and Rosamund Horwood-Smart, of Temple, London, EC4.

Mr R.J. Birchmore and Miss S.E. Booth The engagement is announced between Rohan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Birchmore, of Chalfon! St Giles, Bucking-hamshire and of Perth, Western Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Booth,

and Miss A.S. Pleydell-Bouverie The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Archdeacon and Mrs Michael Brotheston, of Chichester, Sussex, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Pleydell-Bouverie, of

### Deddington, Oxfordshire. Mr A.G.M. Brunker

Mr A.G.M. Brunker and Miss H-J. Colston The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of Mr and Mrs Guy Brunker, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Helen Jane (H-J), daughter of Judge and Mrs Colin Colston, of Hertfordshire.

Mr NJ. Burroughs and Miss SJ. Kefford The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and

# Mrs WJ. Burroughs, of West Clandon, Surrey, and Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs RJ. Kefford, of New Eltham, London.

Mr R.M. Clapham and Miss M-L.V. Thomas The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Colonel and Mrs Derek Clapham, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Marie-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Thomas, of Jersey, Channel Islands.

# Mr A.E.N. della Casa and Miss C.V. Booth

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Commander and Mrs M.M.E. della Casa, of White Lodge, Berkhampstead, Hertfordshire, and Caragh, youngest daughter of the late Mr John Booth, and of Mrs Thomas Long, of Marinstown House, The Curragh, Co Kildare.

# and Miss P.A. Corbett The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Dr and Mrs William Edmundson, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, and Paula,

daughter of Mr and Mrs James Corbett, of Putney, London. Mr D.H. Farquharson and Mrs M.P. Maxwell-Brown The engagement is announced,

and the marriage will take place quiety, between Donald, son of Mr and Mrs Nix Farquharson, of Oulston, York, and Penelope, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs John Parfect, of Coxwold, York. Mr B.E. Floyd and Miss C.J. Simmo

The engagement is announced between Benedict, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.D.M. Floyd, of Combe Down, Bath, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs-W.L. Simmons, of Ingrave, Essex.

# Mr H.S. Fraser and Miss E.C.P. McCune

The engagement is announced between Hugh, youngest son of Mrs Jean Fraser, of Dorking, and the late Mr Simon Fraser, and Erica, second daughter of Mrs Maggie McCune, of Witley, Surrey and the late Mr Burny McCune.

# Mr M. Herron, FRCS, and Miss J.A. Coppel

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs Raymond C. Herron, of Bristol, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Coppel, of Drumbo, Co Antrim.

# Mr E.A.G. Jones and Miss H.L. Anwyl

The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Antony Jones, of Ashford Hill, Berkshire, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Anwyl, of Clitheroe, Lancashire.

### Mr N. Lester Smith and Miss L.C. Munford

The engagement is amounced between Lucienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Mumford, of St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, and Nicholas, son of Mrs Judith Waymouth, of Sidmouth Daries and of Mr Lester Smith, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

The engagement is announced between Max, son of Mr Malcohn keisey, of Singapore, and Mrs Neville Warren, of Nairobi, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nevill Ambler, of Exeter,

# Mr D.R. Oswald and Miss L.I.C. Edwards

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Oswald, of Lincoln, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Edwards, of

### Mr P. Rayde and Miss C.J. Roth

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Wolf Rayden, of Israel, and Claire Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Rothman, of

# London.

Mr P.G. Torrington and Miss F.C. Partridge Keith Torrington and of Mrs Doreen Torrington Petrie, of Hurlingham, London, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Partridge, of Brightlingsea,

# Flying Officer F. Val Martinez and Miss S.A.V. Breokes

and Miss S.A.V. Brooks

The engagement is announced between Flying Officer Fernando Val Martinez, Squadron 741, The Spanish Air Force, Salamanca, elder son of Señora M.T. Val García, of Zaragoza, Spain, and Sophie Azile Vaughan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.V. Brookes, of Bolton, Lancashire.

# Mr S. Vowles and Miss C.A. Hewitt

The engagement is announced between Sunon, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Vowles, of Bath, and Catherine Anne, younger daughter of Mr Peter Hewitt and Mrs A.D. Story, of Lytham St

# Mr R.A.E. Walker and Miss H.C. Jones

The engagement is announced between Rupert, only son of the Rev and Mrs Christopher Walker, of Cholderton, Wilshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of Throwley,

### Marriage

### Lieutenant R.F. Hollinrake and Miss R.A. Biddiss

The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at Reading Register Office, between Lieutenant Robert Francis Hollinrake and Miss Ka Anna Biddiss.

### Latymer Upper School, W6

Spring Term at Latymer Upper School commences today, and ends on March 29, 1996. The School Gild production this term is An Inspector Calls. The Spring Concert will be on March 22. Experience Exchanges with schools in Paris and Berlin take place during March and April.
The Orchestral exchange with The
Johanneum, Hamburg takes place
at Easter. Would any Old Boys interested in being on our mailing list please write to Mr N.R. Orton, Old Latymerian Office at the School or telephone 0181-741 1881.

# Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11am. The Queen's Guard mounts
Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

# Reception

To the Archbishop of Casterbury The Archbishop of Canterbury was presented with the 1995 Sir Sigmand Sternberg Council of Christians and Jews award by the Bishop of Oxford yesterday at Lambeth Palace Rabbi Hugo Gryn also spoke.

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ALLAWAY - On December 31st in Paris, to Wendy Louise (péc Heli) and Stuart David. a son, Fregerick ANTHONY - On December 31st 1995 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. to Alexandra and Charles, a daughter. Charlotte Alexandra. a sister for William and Augusta.

ENTLEY - On Jamesty 2nd at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington. to Mark and Maria (hee Cavanagh). 2 assigner, Mariana.

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EREWSTER - On 27th December to Jennifer (sée Summerson) and Colin, a stater (Elizabeth) for Thomas. BRUCE - On Sist December, to Arma and Junde. a son, Alesdan.
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William

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PARMINITESGUMM - To Gail and Peter another wonderful son, Henry Alexander, born at home on 21st Decamber 1996, a bruther for Joe. Theo and George. STANTON - On Japanery 2nd in Addatide, to Anna (nice Montgomery) and Richard, a drughter, Medica Lucy. WILLINITALE - On 27th Decamber 1996, to Patoch one Adam) and Mark, a son,	BARNSLEY - Theo, on December 30th. Shortly before her 92nd Birthday at De La Warr R.H. Teacher, much leved Cousin and since Downe House days friend of the late Elleen Fairbank. Funeral Sarvice at Boursemouth Cremetorium on Wednesday. 10th January at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Dosations if wished for Cat & littless results of the formetor of the first of the firs
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DANIELS - Penny, widow of BIF Daniels. Died peacefully after a long struggle against cancer. Will be saidly missed

cancer. Will be saidly missed by friends and relatives. Funeral to be held at Easthampstead Cremstorium on 8th January 1996 at 11:00hrs. By request, no flowers or mourning. Domations to BACLIP. 121 Charterhouse Street, Lundon ECIM 6AA or The People's Dispussary for Sick Animals or other saimal charities of your choice.

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DAVIES - Wing Commander
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had a projecting terminal, and were joined by a domed iron rivet. A groove held each lens, secured by wire or thread in

Thames yields oldest pair of spectacles

nificance of the bone frames, they anchored twin pads of Swan Stairs frames are and kept them damp until wadding or felt, which "would thought likely to be slightly provide comfort for the wearer, and more importantly, would keep the spectacles on the nose". Although spectacles were invented in Italy in the 13th century, shown in a portrait of Cardinal Hugh Ugone in 1352 and listed even earlier among the Bishop of Exeter's effects in 1326, the earliest surviving examples in Europe date from about 1500.

Several were found under the choir stalls at Wienhausen in Germany in 1958, and a pair were recovered from Trig

DEATHS

ETHERINGTON - Donald William, on 25th Detember 1996, Describilly at home in Canada, aged 75. Loved by will big formity

FRANKLIN - James Burns (Jack) on December 23rd peacefully in his sleep at home aged 87. Private funeral took place on December 27th.

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GAHAN - John Cahan died pesselvilly at home on 1st January, 1996, surrounded by his tamily, the beloved husband of June, and much loved father of June, and much loved father of June, and hutber of Sunen. Funeral Service will be held at St Peter's Church. Dundle on Saturday, 6th January at 10.30 am. followed by intertuent at Oundle Cemetery. Family flowers only seems, but if destred, donations may be given to Kettering General Hospital Corovaons. Funeral Hospital Corovaons.

GASH - On 30th December at Languert, Somerset, in het 82nd year, by Dorotsy (not Whitchorn), dearly loved wife of Emerica Profesor Norman Cash.

GORMLEY-BAYLEY - On December 29th 1998, peacefully at home. Audiey, beloved wife of Febra, sister of Junice. Valerie. Michael and Tony. Funeral Service to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead, on Wednesday January 10th at 12 Acom. Flowers (by 10mm) and enquiries to F.W. Chilly & Company. 4.5 Emprove Road. Weyhridge, let: (01932) \$42220.

GREIG - Isabel suddenly on December 31st 1998, much lowed widow of Gerald ian, Funeral Monday 8th January 2.50 pm 3th Michael's Amberley, West Susces, Flowers to Bryders, Tulingian, Petworth, West Susces (01796) 342174,

thought likely to be slightly earlier. Ms Stevenson says: This new find is noteworthy for the variation in spectacle form that it portrays, and the rarity of survival of such items." They were probably made for a long-sighted person, perhaps to help with reading in old age. Speciacles were generally

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professions such as the law. trade and illumination of manuscripts, where close ☐ Source: London Archaeolo-

# PERSONAL COLUMN

# KRNG - Constance Percy, aged 92. Funeral January 9th. 8t Michael All Angels, Croston. Lancashire, 2 pen, privata burial Fieel, Hampahire, No Sowers piesse, donations to Croston Penk Rest Home.

GRIFFITHS - On December 28th. In hospital at Cheliumham. Eller a long filmest bravely borns. John Graville. deafty loved hasband of Faith and much loved father of Claire. Private innersi. Memoria in be ansounced.

MALL - Fribnes peacatilly on 28th December. aged 87. Deathy loved by immity and friends. Funeral Service at Beckenham Cremstorium on January 10th at 11 am.

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LEADBETTER — Marion
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MARSHALL - WILLIAM, Deloved fundament, atther and grandzather, peacefully in hospital on 30th December, aged 82. Forman's Peacefully in hospital on 30th December, aged 82. Forman's Peacefully in hospital on 30th December 1180, January 2 11.30 am, No flowers. Densitions, if desired, to The Stroke Association 6/o Co-operative Plantal Services, 67 George's Street, Sammord, Pry 251, tel: (01780) 60717.

MARTIN - Pear this Crock' died on 25rd December 1995. He was a caring man and wife be mised. Pummal Service at Seckenham Crematorium 5th January 12.30 gm. No flowers planta, donations to Marie Curie Fund.

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Arthur Rudolph, German rocket scientist, died in Hamburg on January 1 aged 89. He was born on November 9, 1906.

WHEN in July 1969 American technology eventually landed the first man on the Moon, Arthur Rudolph, chief co-ordinator of the Saturn V rocket programme which had made the feat possible, was among those scientists who received a grateful nation's Distinguished Service Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor. With his mentor Wernher von Braun, father of the wartime V2 rocket, he was one of a number of German scientists whom the Americans had acquired in 1945 to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Russians. Their effort was decisive in enabling the Americans to overhaul the lead in space which the Soviet Union had built up in the late

Wernher von Braun died in 1977. laden with honours and with an indelible place in the history of space flight. Unfortunately for Rudolph, he lived on into a more sceptical age. It began to be felt that America's space victory had been purchased at too great a sacrifice of decency, and a tactful burial of the sinister truth about the men who had been its chief architects. In 1982 Rudolph suddenly stood accused of atrocities against the slave workers who had laboured in caves deep underground to produce the second and most deadly of Germany's Vergeltungswaffen, the V2 rocket. In return for immunity from prosecution in the US he agreed to forgo his American citizenship, to return his decorations and to leave the country.

A few years older than von Braun, Arthur Rudolph had come from the same Berlin technical background, and was one of the band of rocket pioneers von Braun gathered about him in the 1930s before Hitler came to power. Since rockets, unlike manned aircraft, were not subject to Treaty of Versailles restrictions, the Nazi regime was able to give von Braun's efforts full backing, once it came to power, and in 1937 a missile centre was established at Peenemunde off Germany's Baltic coast. The aim was to produce what was in effect a strategic ballistic missile capable of hitting Britain and, unlike the subsonic pilotless aircraft the VI. totally invulnerable to anti-aircraft gun

and fighter defences. But these developments were well known to British Intelligence and, once RAF Bomber Command had developed aircraft capable of reaching Peenemunde with the necessary bombload, the V2 sites were subjected to devastating raids. Eventually in August 1943, Peenemünde was all but

Canon Douglas Rhymes,

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Southwark Cathedral,

1962-69, died on January I

aged 81. He was born on

DOUGLAS RHYMES was a

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to return to the parochial

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# ARTHUR RUDOLPH



obliterated by Lancaster bombers and, with its strategic rocket offensive in jeopardy, the regime had production shifted to a factory known as Dora-Mittelbau at Nordhausen, deep in the Harz Mountains.

There, in underground bunkers secure from bombing, production of the rockets proceeded apace under Rudolph, who was the project's civilian director. That it should have done so might be thought something of a surprise, given the appalling conditions in which the 60,000 slave labourers worked. In what before their metamorphosis had been calcium sulphate mines, suspect Resistance workers from France and Belgium, prisoners of war and civilians who had been rounded up during Germany's advances into Eastern Europe, worked 12 and sometimes 18-hour shifts in conditions that were designed to kill them. They were supplemented by several thousand immates from nearby Buchenwald who escaped death in that supremely gruesome place only to find it again at Nordhausen.

In the 20 months between the move to Nordhausen and the end of the war in Europe more than 20,000 perished in the tunnels and galleries under the Harz Mountains. Moisture and a sulphurous stench oozed continually from the living rock. Ventilation was non-existent. Tuberculosis, pneumonia and dysentery were rife. Tools to extend the underground works were Division broke into the camps and, like

always in short supply. Prisoners were ordered to scrabble with their bare hands to clear rocks and rubble and to manhandle heavy machinery into position. Those who faltered were brutally beaten by the guards. Those who died were neatly stacked so as not to interfere with work, and then removed

by forklift truck at the end of the shift. Work in any of the tunnels was calculated to shorten life. But the most grisly of them all was Gallerie neununddreisig, to which a posting meant a sentence of death. Gallery 39 was the galvanising shop whose toxic chemical fumes are away the lungs of anyone who worked there. No one survived there for more than a month. Executions for minor infringements of discipline were common and the victims were frequently gibbeted outside Rudolph's office pour encourager les autres.

In spite of this manifestly selfdefeating regime, more than a thousand V2s were actually produced. And although that was only 20 per cent of what Hitler had originally demanded, enough were launched to kill nearly 3.000 people in London and wound 10,000 more. For Hitler, it was too little, too late. But it was a dire portent for the future conduct of warfare.

On the morning of Wednesday April 11, 1945, the sufferings of the survivors of Dora-Mittelbau were at an end. Troops of the US 3rd Armoured

**CANON DOUGLAS RHYMES** 

- he was also a friend and

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those who were to liberate Buchenwald two days later, were appalled by what they witnessed. But Rudolph and other rocket men were not there to account for their crimes. In what later became known as the "Paperclip conspiracy" more than a hundred of Germany's top rocketeers who had given themselves up to the Western Allies were spirited to the US and, after the most perfunctory clearance, set to work on America's postwar rocket programme (which, in its early stages, used V2s, shipped to America). Rudolph was given US citizenship in 1954.

When, in the wake of the American humiliation by the launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik in 1957, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was formed, von Braun was put at its head and his old production manager from Dora-Mittelbau, Rudolph, became chief co-ordinator for the Saturn rocket project. The effort produced by this potent combination culminated in the moment when the astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped onto the Moon at 2.56pm on July 21, 1969.

Von Braun's removal from the scene at the relatively early age of 65 preserved his reputation intact. (He was in any event, not at Dora-Mittelbau, but stayed at the V2 firing site on the Baltic coast.) But as the years went by it became clear that, in order to lay their hands on the best of German rocket technology after the war, the US Administration had entered into something of a Faustian pact with the Devil.

In 1975 an ex-immate of Nordhausen. Jean Michel, published Dora: the Hell of All the Concentration Camps, a memoir which gave an impetus to the search for the truth about the source of America's aerospace success. Eventually in 1984 Rudolph was presented by the US Office of Special Investigations with incontrovertible evidence of his involvement in atrocities at Dora-Mittelbau. In exchange for immunity from prosecution he agreed to renounce his US citizenship and leave the country forever. Eventually he settled in Hamburg where he lived with his wife in a quiet suburb. The West German Government could find no charges to bring against him, and he always denied any war guilt when visited by those few reporters who managed to run him to earth. Revealingly, when asked by a television reporter if he, von Braun and their fellow rocketeers had regarded the landing on the Moon as a German victory, he replied unhesitatingly: Yes, we thought so."

Rudolph is survived by his wife Martha, and by their daughter, who was allowed to remain in the United

of the cathedral in 1950. His

first preferment came at the

hands of Bertram Simpson.

Mervyn Stockwood's prede-

cessor, who appointed him

vicar of New Eltham in 1954.

But it was Stockwood who

became his real patron, sum-

moning him back to the

cathedral in 1962 and the same

year giving him charge of all

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wark diocese. In south London

and the inner suburbs of

Surrey. Rhymes became a

familiar figure among church

people - and a popular one,

too. Originally a Proctor in

Convocation from 1959 to

1964, he was subsequently

twice elected by his fellow

clergy to the General Synod.

He was a sought-after spiri-

tual director and conductor of

retreats as well as being a

gifted preacher. His time.

however, as Canon Librarian

of Southwark had not been

an entirely easy one, coincid-

ing as it did with the illness

and eventual nervous break-

down of the Provost. Ernie

In his retirement - which

he spent in West Sussex,

helping regularly at Boxgrove

Priory - Rhymes sprang a

surprise on his former col-

leagues by coming out openly as a homosexual. This cost

him several friendships but

the more tolerant of his Chris-

tian acquaintanceship had

probably always accepted him

for what he was - a cleric who

enjoyed the good things of life (including wine) but who nev-

er flaunted his sexuality, least

of all before those who would

Southcott.

Robinson's bestseller,

which was published a year

earlier, rates as a minor

and born in Devon, Douglas

Alfred Rhymes was educated

at King Edward VI School,

Birmingham, and then at the

University of Birmingham,

where he took a second in

philosophy. From there he

went to Ripon Hall, Oxford,

being made deacon in 1940

and ordained priest in 1941.

He spent the latter part of the

war with the Westminster

Dragoons and was one of the

first army chaplains to enter

Belsen, where he conducted

After the war he held cura-

cies in Essex - he had served

his title in the Chelmsford

diocese - before moving to

Southwark as a minor canon

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# **GEOFFREY PINNINGTON**

Geoffrey Pinnington, Editor of the Sunday People, 1972-82, died on December 24 aged 76. He was born on March 21, 1919.

GEOFFREY PINNINGTON looked a heavyweight and his journalism matched his physique. He had a bull-like determination and was almost impossible to deter when he had decided on a course of action. This did not endear him to all his colleagues, but his Fleet Street career progressed because his judgments usually proved to be

His RAF service was typical of his life. Naturally, he had an affinity for bombers. He decided early on that the Wellington was his sort of aircraft. Like Pinnington, Wellingtons could absorb a lot of punishment and still reach their target, and he made it his business to operate in them long after more glamorous aircraft had been developed. He became one of the most experienced navigators in the RAF, serving in Bomber Command and the Middle East. He ended as a squadron leader after seeing the war through.

Geoffrey Pinnington was essentially a Londoner, devoted to his theatres and restaurants, and spending all his working life in the capital and suburbs, apart from one brief sortie to Manchester. He was educated principally at Harrow County School and later studied at King's College London. He began in journalism as a reporter on the Middlesex Independent before moving to local papers in London, where he achieved his first editorship at the Kensington Post.

He entered national journalism through the old Daily Herald. He was moved swiftly to the news desk, when his talents were recognised, and



then moved even more swiftly to become northern editor. Brought back to London in 1958 as deputy editor, he might well have become one of the several successive Herald editors appointed in a vain search

for the winning formula. An apparent lurch towards unilateralism by the Herald when he was in temporary charge of the paper proved, however, too much for its masters at the TUC. It was made clear that he would never edit the paper. Just as clearly Pinnington made it obvious that he did not accept the judgment. He left almost at once and joined the Daily Mirror.

It was at the Mirror that his reputation really grew. The paper was then at its peak, the most popular daily in Britain, with a circulation approaching five million. Pinnington became its night editor. The night editorship of any tabloid paper is always a key post but Pinnington made it a vital one. He dominated the section known as the back bench where a paper's makeup and content are largely determined, and he continued to demonstrate his power after he had been promoted to assistant editor. He wielded more influence than many

editors. He attracted great loyalty from his production colleagues as well as admiration from many in other areas of the paper; but he also created critics. despite his continued success. In a replay of what had

happened at the Herald, it became obvious that his personality would never allow him to become Editor of the Mirror. When a vacancy occurred on its companion paper. the Sunday People in 1972, he was glad to fill it. For the next ten years he edited the paper with enthusiasm and confidence. It was a difficult task because he had to compete not only with the market leader, the News of the World. but also with the Sunday Mirror which, like the Sunday People, was owned by what was then the International Publishing

Corporation. Pinnington felt, rightly or wrongly, that the IPC's heart was really with the Sunday Mirror and that, when it was a question of allocating resources, his paper would always take second place. Nevertheless, he was delighted to have an editorship at last, even though it was on a paper which was rather downmarket for his own taste. But when he retired in 1982, he did so with a sense of

fulfilment He was a member of the Press Council from 1982 to 1986, continuing rather unusually after his retirement from active journalism. He was vice-chairman from 1983 to

Pinnington was a man of considerable humour and as adept at assessing the worth of a story as he was at devising the make-up of a front page. He would have made his mark on any paper.

He is survived by his wife Beryl and by their two daughters.

# WING COMMANDER ROY DAVIES

Wing Commander Roy Davies, OBE, Organising Director of Music, Royal Air Force, 1969-77, died on December 29 aged 75. He was born on May I. 1920.

THE SON of a jeweller and brought up in Tottenham, north London, Roy Edward Charles Davies joined the Royal Marines as a bandboy aged 15. A natural musician. he excelled as a flautist and a harpist and was the piano soloist for the Royal Marine Orchestra. Indeed, but for the Second World War, he might well have pursued a career as a concert planist. Instead, he served in HMS Warspite and saw action at the battles of Narvik. Matapan and Crete. He was on active service with HMS Hawkins on D-Day in June 1944.

Offered a commission by the Royal Air Force - something he had never been granted in the Marines - he joined the RAF in 1950. He was formally commissioned as a Director of Music one year later. In 1952 he was posted to Germany as Director of Music for the Second Tactical Air Force.

He gave numerous concerts in Germany and accompanied leading artistes as distin-guished as Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Rita Streich. He also arranged the first public appearances for a local choir, later to become famous as the Oberkirchen choir, whose Happy Wanderer song expressed something of the rehabilitation of Germany

after the war. He returned to Britain in 1958, becoming Director of Music at RAF Locking. His next posting was to the RAF College, Cranwell. During his time there his band made many public appearances, including concerts given at Lincoln Cathedral.

He moved to Uxbridge, headquarters of the Royal Air



Force music services, to become Director of the Central Band. He was then promoted to become Organising Director of Music for the Royal Air

Under his tutelage the Central Band developed an airy orchestral and colourful sound which, captured on many records and radio broadcasts, survive to this day. Among his recordings were his unique arrangements for piano and military band. He composed the Skywatch March for the Royal Observer Corps but his arrangements for band and soloists were the most enduring testaments to his musical accomplishment. He was appointed OBE in

the preparations for his band to greet a foreign dignitary, he discovered that the music for the appropriate national anthem had been discarded along with other relics of the country's former regime. With only hours to spare he established that there was now a new anthem. Making a call to the relevant British embassy. he encouraged an official to whistle the tune down the telephone. He then transcribed it and arranged it, just in time for the band to play it - impeccably - at the airport welcoming ceremony.

On one occasion, making

He was married for 58 years 10 Vera Davies. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

### only be embarrassed by it. He remained unmarried. Mr. Paul Beard on Life and

Leadership in the Orchestra From Our Special Correspondent
Mr. Paul Beard is one of the best known
figures in English musical life. Since 1920 he

has occupied the leader's desk at innumerable concerts in and out of London, for four years since its foundation by Sir Thomas
 Beecham in 1932 — with the London
 Philharmonic Orchestra and then with the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

"When I left the Academy I was awarded

my A.R.A.M., and later the F.R.A.M. I knew that one can't combine the life of soloist. leader, and chamber music player really successfully — as a chamber player one has to be a specialist — and I knew what I wanted. Sir Henry J. Wood started me off: he appointed me leader of the Birmingham Orchestra in 1920. I led for him right up to his death without any lessening of the tremendous respect and admiration I always had for him. The amount of work he got through was amazing, and he was always courteous and helpful: there were never any hard words. To me, personally, as a young beginner, he was always helpful and encouraging and he

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"Many people don't know what's implied in being a leader. He must be a really capable

violinist and a specialist in orchestral playing and technique. I am one of 18 first violinists and we all have to play with unanimity: people who know judge an orchestra by the playing of the back desks, and gaining unanimity is the essence of the leader's job. He takes the musical feeling from the conductor. We follow the conductor's demands implicitly, whether they are technical or musical. The ideal thing is for the conductor to say what he wants and then allow the players to give it as best they may. That was Toscanini's method when he conducted us. He brought his own parts, bowed and marked, but he was kind enough to give me a free hand technically. If you are given that there's no excuse for you if you fail.

The leader is responsible for seeing that the playing of all the violins satisfies the conductor. He has to bow and finger the parts and to rehearse the violins separately, if that is necessary. He must be on terms of mutual trust and good will with the players around him, as without that he is not likely to have much success at his job. He must also be prepared to conduct in an emergency - if the conductor is taken ill. for example - and that means he should he able to read a complicated modern score and conduct in an efficient, professional way."

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☐ RED SEA cruises for a week aboard Odysseus, visiting Jordan, Israel and Egypt, are also available this Sunday and on January 14 and 21 from Crusader Travel for £498 per person. Details: 0181-744 0474.

☐ AN ARCTIC Circle weekend with a chance to see the KENYA is available at a

**BRITISH Airways is offering** some of its cheapest flights yet in the new World Offers programme. Return trips start at £69 to Paris, £96 to Madrid or Vienna or Nice. New York costs £196 while San Francisco or Los Angeles are priced at £2%. Book by January 17. Details: 0345

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THE Millennium Copthorne Group is offering winter weekend packages saving up to 50 per cent off normal rates at its dozen UK four-star hotels and its property in Coquelles, near Calais. Prices start at £79 per couple for two nights. Details: 0800 414741.

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# HOLIDAYS

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☐ SHORT-BREAK packages to the Gulf are available from Eastravel in Ipswich. The cost for two people travelling together for two or three nights at the best hotels plus economy-class flights is roughly the same as the normal airfare for one passenger. Prices start at £489 a person for Dubai, £439 for Abu Dhabi, E398 Bahrain and £486 Muscat. Details: 01473 214305.

### HOTELS

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☐ MOROCCO's famous La Mamounia hotel in Marrakesh is holding the prices of its package deals, including those for golfing weekends and honeymoons, at 1995 levels for a year. Reservations through Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 181123.

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# Barbados plays up its culture

BARBADOS is launching a determined campaign to pro-mote and improve its historic and cultural attractions. Tourism chiefs have decided that sun, sand and sea are insufficient to woo the discerning

The campaign, considered essential to maintain a steady increase in holidaymakers amid fierce competition, is the idea of Billie Miller -- recently appointed Tourism Minister in addition to her role as Deputy Prime Minister — and the three businessmen chosen to head the tourism authority. "We can offer excellent accommodation with several

first-class hotels but the people

attracted to them will want to

do more than just sit by the

Miller says. "Other resorts might try to match our weather and beaches but they do not possess the hundreds of years of history and exotic environment which Barbados

The island hopes to play on its 350-year relationship with Britain to ensure that it continues to provide a significant proportion of the 500,000 annual visitors — and has launched an incentive programme for UK travel agents to help to achieve this.

Officials are also seeking fresh markets. They recently targeted California as a source of potential wealthy holidaymakers, accustomed to the sun but in need of history and

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culture. Last month a team of 60 visited Brazilian trade and media groups to generate new business from South America. Tourism is our leading business and we have to make

it work," Miss Miller says. Her campaign will be boosted by a season of music and stivals, which opens next Wednesday with a five-day jazz and soul festival featuring Ray Charles, Roberta Flack and other international stars. and continues in March with an open-air opera and Shakespeare season.

We have some wonderful tropical gardens, a rainforest and swamp, signal stations and lighthouses, buildings full of history," she says. Miss Miller is also determined to make Bridgetown, the capital, more than just a bustling market town. She has set up a task force to study ways of improving the waterfront and the rapidly decaying historic buildings. She is worried that tourists think only of visiting the Garrison Savannah when horse racing is taking place and is actively supporting

Miss Miller is also eager to make more of the island's' historic forts and hopes to turn the old navai magazine at St Ann's Fort into a military museum and to create a walkway along the cliffs from

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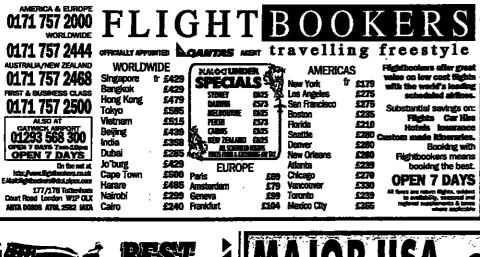
the fort beneath the Hilton Hotel into Bridgetown itself.
The Barbados National Trust is playing a leading part in restoring buildings. Its flagship is the Gun Hill signal station, which attracted 70,000 visitors last year and stands at the centre of an elaborate early 19th-century communications

The trust has also restored Tyrol Cot, the part-Palladian house built in 1854 which became the home of Sir-Grantley Adams, the island's first Prime Minister. The trust's Heritage Passport provides access to these buildings and to tropical gardens and a sugar mill and is the first. tangible sign of the island's attempt to boost its less obvi-

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# Summer off to a slow start

By Harvey Elliott

ATTEMPTS to persuade holi-daymakers to book early for summer packages have so far

Despite massive discounting backed by strident and costly television and news-paper advertisements, travel agents and tour operators throughout Britain are privately admitting that demand is at best only "sluggish" and that, overall, the number of summer holidays sold so far is around 30 per cent down on the number sold in the same period last year.

Many are, however, confident that bookings will pick up later in January - traditionally the month during which around a third of all summer holidays are sold. And big tour operators, such as Thomson, say that al-though the market dropped to around 40 per cent below last year's level just before Christmas, it picked up again last Saturday to almost the same level as the first Saturday of

Nonetheless, millions of customers appear determined to wait before rushing out to book. For the next few weeks, therefore, the entire travel industry will be holding its breath in the hope that families throughout Britain begin walking into high street shops to put down a deposit.

So far, families with young children — traditionally the backbone of the Mediterranean package holiday market are resolutely refusing to do so. "They are being very cautious about the money they are prepared to spend. We believe they have been waiting to see what the industry is going to offer in the way of price cuts before making their minds up," said a senior

Thomson official. Most insiders blame the bad weather, which kept people indoors immediately after Christmas. But Thomas Cook also blames the sales offers being made by other high street retailers. "As business routine returns to normal

and the weather relents, we are expecting an upturn in bookings over the next two weeks," said Andrew Windsor, commercial director of Thomas Cook

Going Places, the second biggest travel agency chain with 707 shops, believes that the trend towards late bookings which has become established over the past few years will take some time to turn around, and that the upturn should come once children have returned to school.

Lunn Poly, the biggest chain of agencies, insists that it is still too early to tell but admits that the market is "soft". Privately, however, several individual travel agencies in the group admitted that sales were extremely poor.

Even before the new programmes were launched, the industry was predicting a big fall in the number of holidays which would eventually be taken this year, and deliberately withdrew more than a million from sale. But even the most pessimistic did not expect the slump in bookings to have continued so long. On the brighter side, they

claim that bookings for this winter are well up, especially to long-haul destinations such as the Caribbean and Florida. Skiing is still losing popularity, with bookings down by almost 10 per cent on last year.

Cruising for the summer season is proving popular. however, and bookings for Turkey are already well ahead of last year.

The trend towards longhaul holidays is marked. Kuoni, which specialises in long-haul travel, sold 12 per cent more last year than in 1994 and expects the market to be even stronger this year. Sri Lanka is selling well, it says, as are Mexico, Australia and

Even though long-haul holidays are much more expensive, up to 40 per cent of the holidaymakers who have booked so far have chosen farflung exotic destinations.

A new map pinpoints favourite film locations for tourists who want to be far from the madding crowd



1 FILM

2. Braveheart: Another Scottish epic of brave Highland men fighting the marauding

English. The magnificent scenery of the mountains around Fort William and the purpose-built village at the foot of Ben Nevis were used as the stunning backdrop. Carrington: Emma Thompson and Jonathan Pryce play the painter Dora Carrington and writer Lytton Strachey on the wild and beautiful North Yorkshire Moors at Goathland, the Yorkshire coast near Whithy, a Sussex bed and breakfast and Garsington Manor in Oxford. 4. Jane Eyre: Based on the classic novel by Charlotte Bronte, the drama of the penniless orphan who finds love and happiness stars William Hurt and Joan Plowright and was filmed at the magnificent battlemented Haddon Hall in Berbyshira.

5. Shadowlands: The true story of the relationship between 5.5. Lewis and the vivacious New Yorker Joy Gresham. Filmed at Magdaien College, Radeliffe Camera and the Sheldonian Theatre Oxford, the rolling hills of Herefordshire and in Loughborough.

6. The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain: Hugh Grant stars in the story of a mountain which was too small to be on the map. Filmed at Liammaeadrhnant in Clwyd, North Wales and Hampton Loade in the Severn Valley. 7. Four Weddings and a Funeral: Filmed at Luton Hoo, Beds; the Crown Hotel in Amersham, Bucks: and churches in Belshworth, Surrey; Albury Park, Guildford; the Royal Naval College Chapel Greenwich, St Bartholomew-the-Great and St Clements, West Thurrock, Essex. 8. Restoration: Meg Ryan and Robet Downey star in the post-Cromwellian drama set in the Jacobean manor of Brympton D'Evercy, Somerset: Mapperton House gardens. Forde Abbey and Caerphiliy Castle.

10. Madness of King George: Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren star in the story of the King's apparent insanity which put the throne at risk. Filmed at Syon House, near Lendon; Thame Park, Oxfordshire; Willon House, Wiltshire and Arundel Castle in Sussex.

First Knight: The legend of King Arthur was filmed on the shores of the beautiful Trawsfynydd Lake, Snowdonia National Park, and other parts of Wales including the fascinating state mine at Gloddfa Ganol.

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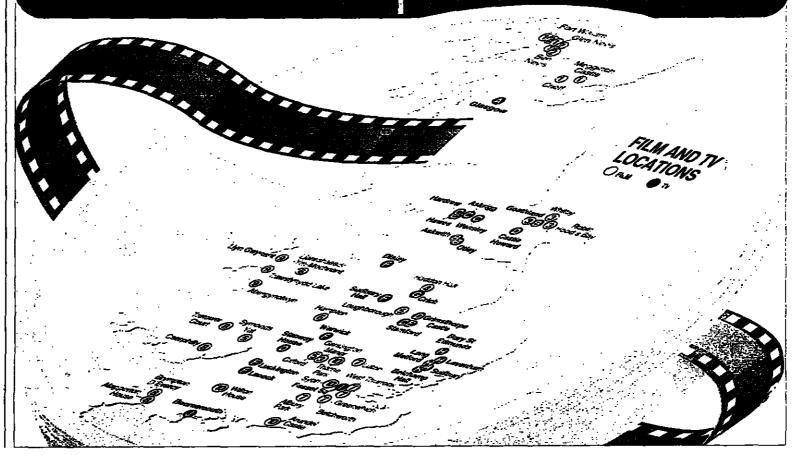
A. Taggart: The down Scottish detective takes on the Glasgow villains.
Filmed in and accound the City originally at Partick Police Station but now at night at

8. Heartbeat: London policeman leaves the big city to become a village bobby in North Yerkshire. The picturesque village of Goathland on the main line of the North York Moors steam railway provides the setting with Askwith and Ofley also often appearing. C. All Creatures Great and Small: Based on the James Herriot books about life as a country vet. It was filmed in Wensleydale and Swaledale with the village scenes sho Askrigg. Also used were the market in Hawes, and Hardraw and Wensley churches. D. The Buccaneers: Serial about a group of women from New York who took Victorian England by storm. Filmed at Castle Howard, North Yorkshire, at Burghley House, Stamford and Grimsthorpe Castle in Lincolnshire and Stanway House in the Cotswolds. E. Middlemarcin Based on George Eliot's classic novel of the industrial revolution, the story of love, distillusionment and blackmail is set in Stamford, Lincolnshire which now runs popular Middlemarch walking tours.

F. Pride and Prejudice: The television event of 1995, Jane Austen's novel was made for television in the Wiltshire villages of Luckington and Lacock; Lyme Park in Disley, Cheshire; Sudbury Half in Derbyshire; Warwick and the Derbyshire equntryside. G. Peak Practice: The doctors' practice in the Peak District was filmed at the village of Crich and its surroundings. The doctors' house is in reality Melkridge House, Dimple Lane in the village.

H. Lovejoy: Ian McShane is the roguish antique dealer. The series was filmed at many Suffelk villages including Long Melford, Sudbury, Lavenham, Felsham, and Bury St Edmunds. Belchamp Hall was used as Lady Jane's home, Felsham Hall. L EastEnders: Although this immensely popular serial is filmed in a specially built closed set at Efstree, North London, it is based on the real-life Fassett Square in Hackney, in the East End.

J. One Foot in the Grave: Richard Wilson and Annette Croshie star in the award-winning comedy about a cantankerous retired man and his long-suffering wife. Their house and suburban surroundings were tilmed in Bournemouth, Hants.



# Movie tour of Britain

A DETAILED map of film and television locations throughout Britain is to be issued free to help tens of thousands of movie-tourists to trace the spot where their favourite film was made, Har-

vey Elliott writes. Some local authorities have already organised walking tours around well-known film locations and the British Tourist Authority (BTA) is to issue more than 250,000 Movie Maps to encourage this trend. "The interest stimulated when a village or a city is seen in the cinema or on television is enormous," Adele Biss, the BTA chairman, says. "The map will encourage people to get out and explore."

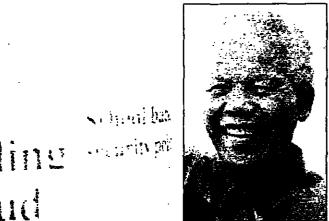
An influx of visitors often follows a particular TV programme. Towns used by the Antiques Roadshow or Sones of Praise, for example, report an immediate upsurge of

Overscas visitors are equally influenced by what they have seen of Britain on their own televisions. The 1992 Wuthering Heights was an instant box-office hit in Japan. The BTA distributed leaflets at cinema doors there and a competition offered a holiday in North Yorkshire's Brontë country. The scheme was so successful that many of the tourist direction signs in and around Haworth are now in Japanese and English.

The BTA has combined with the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and Vauxhall, which is sponsoring the Movie Map, to distribute the leaflet through the BTA's 600 information centres in Britain and 40 overseas.

Researchers have traced the locations of dozens of the most popular films and television programmes and have included many which are particularly popular abroad. Old favourites include The Dam Busters which was filmed in 1954 at Elan Valley in Wales. several Beatles films, the 1967 version of Far From the Madding Crowd which was filmed in Devizes and the Vale of Pewsey, and the 30-year-old cult television programme The Prisoner, which was made in Portmeirion. North Wales.

The map will be published at the end of this month.



Mandela: in his footsteps

# Mandela tour opens

AN EARLY contender for the 1996 "What will they think of next?" award for tour operators comes from South African

Airways Holidays with its 15day Nelson Mandela tour. The holiday even pays a visit to Robben Island, where President Mandela was im-

prisoned for 18 years. Entitled "In the Footsteps of the President", the holiday, costing £2,175 a person, traces Mandela's life from his birthplace at Qunu, his school

his inauguration as President in 1994. It includes guided tours of Soweto, Robben Island and the Victor Verster prison from which he finally walked to

freedom. The holiday could even be said to have the President's blessing, for the tour company needed a special government

short boat trip from Cape Town to Robben Island.

A company spokesman said: "We started with the idea and university education to promoting the Eastern Cape area where the President was born and then it grew into a grander tour providing more of an insight into his life and South Africa as a whole." The lighter moments are provided by trips along the Garden Route from Johannesburg to

Cape Town and to the beautipermit to take visitors on the ful Karoo semi-desert. TRAVEL SPECIAL

# Fast to Dieppe at last

BY ROBIN YOUNG

STENA Line has announced that its new fast ferry service on the Newhaven-Dieppe cross-Channel route will start "three months ahead of schedule" at the beginning of March. But the commencement could be said to be almost a year behind schedule, since the two-hour service was originally announced for

spring 1995. It was postponed because of a long drawn-out Australian court case between Sea Containers Ltd. owners of Hoverspeed, and the Tasmacatamaran builder. Incat.

Stena is finally opening the service using a larger catama-ran built by the Austal shipyard. The Stena Sea Lynx IV. carrying 148 cars and 600 passengers, is undergoing final sea trials in Australia.

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### With 36 pages in the French strike Magazine and 8 in Weekend, travel with The Times again on Saturday The Magazine THE strike by French air more than £4 million. The cost traffic controllers, which end-By Steve Keenan Matthew Parris in Bolivia, Roy Hattersley in Tuscany, Nan Franks in the fjords PLUS Cuba, Portofino, the

Fares up after

ed last month, will increase the cost of British holidays. The public workers' strike forced holiday flights to the Mediterranean to fly around French airspace for three

> But European bureaucracy meant airlines still had to pay the French, despite being rerouted through Germany or into the North Atlantic.

weeks, hugely increasing air-

The combined bill to charter and scheduled airlines is an estimated E12 million, which the carriers say will have to be passed on to passengers. One charter airline. Air

£150,000 in extra flying costs. paid to the French.
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David Churchill writes.

to be double that, said Air 2000's navigation manager. Paul Collins. "We cannot pass on that cost

to those people who have already travelled, but the price of new tickets will have to rise. It is either that or we go out of business," he said. British airlines have to

notify the Eurocontrol air traffic control centre of flight plans up to 20 hours in advance. The centre then determines the most obvious route. The airline is charged whether the flight operates on the route or not, and the relevant ATC of each country

"We effectively paid twice for the same flight," said Mr Collins. "If it had happened at the height of the summer or over Christmas, it would have been a disaster."

### Spain, Swan Hellenic cruise, opera ın Verona, PLUS Lake Garda, Cyprus and Australia

**Boost for** 

Dordogne and Thailand

Weekend

**Dublin** DUBLIN has shown the biggest growth in popularity with tourists seeking short-break holidays, according to Crystal Cities annual survey of the top destinations for city breaks.

The warmth of the welcome, excellent hotels, good access and television exposure have boosted Dublin to third place behind Paris and Amsterdam.

# Kiwis change tack

Officials believe that the ather than merely a place for country's wider tourist appeal risiting friends and relatives. was boosted by the Queen's visit last year when she But the country has already. attended the Commonwealth een its tourist profile improv-Heads of Government Meetng. For the 12 months to last ing in Auckland. lovember, the number of iritons going on holiday here rose by 11.3 per cent. Gregg Anderson, the New

Zealand tourist board's marketing manager, says: The figures show that New Zealand is beginning to have its a holiday destination.

own identity and is coming out from under the shadow of Australia. It is no longer simply seen as a place people emigrate to for peace."

Initial findings from new research into consumer views of New Zealand also emphasise that many believe the country's uncrowded, untainted image is the main attraction as

Mr Anderson says that with more than 35 tour operators offering specialist programmes and some return fares at less than £600, New Zealand "has never been so accessible".

Late last year, Air New Zealand increased its weekly service from four to five flights and Ausbound, a charter operator, says that its early winter departures have been more than 90 per cent full. ● For a free New Zealand holiday planner, phone 0539 300900.

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# NEWS

### Insurers face £500 m water bill

insurers are facing a £500 million bill for the water chaos that has shut down businesses and left tens of thousands of households cut off for days.

Hundreds of businesses across Scotland and the North East were told not to reopen after the Christmas break because of the water shortage and many said they would have to lay off staff unless supplies were restored soon.....

### Syndicates take on the Lottery

■ The record size of this week's National Lottery jackpot. estimated at £40 million. is attracting high-rolling gamblers and huge syndicates from all over the world. One expert said that dozens of people were flying in with thousands of pounds to spend on tickets but reports of an Australian syndicate buying all 14 million combinations were dismissed ...... Page 1

### Madonna case

Madonna was due to testify in court against a man who forced his way into her estate and "made threats to slice her throat from ear ... Page I

### On the hoof

Covent Garden's singers and dancers may find themselves moving from theatre to theatre next year while the Royal Opera House is rennovated ...... Page 1

### Loyalist hitlist

Loyalist paramilitaries are threatening to start a murder campaign against alleged drug dealers in Protestant areas of Ulster after drawing up a hitlist of nine men and one woman......Page 2

### **New Ecstasy warning** Drug agencies are altering their

advice to Ecstasy users to alert them to the danger of drinking too much water... ...Page 3 Call for CS spray

A chief constable called for his officers to be armed with pepper or CS sprays after an attack that left a policewoman with a fractured skull. She and a colleague were beaten with an iron bar and a sledgehammer when they tackled six burglars... ... Page 4

### Shell under fire

Geographers are urging their professional body to drop the Shell oil company as a patron because of its environmental record in Nigeria..... Page 6

### Serial killer fear

Similarities between police pictures of the suspected killer of Celine Figard and the murderer of a Liverpool woman were studied by detectives amid fears of a serial killer . ......... Page 7

### **Dramatic recovery**

A woman who suffered brain damage in an accident five years ago, and was left in a persistent vegetative state, has been discharged from hospital ......Page 8

Nato intervenes Nato intervened after the alleged abduction of 16 Bosnian civilians by Serb forces threatened to undermine one of the key provisions

### of the peace accord ...... Page 10 **Budget deadlock**

Hardline members of the House of Representatives rejected a vote by moderate Senate colleagues to reopen the Government while talks to resolve the budget deadlock continue.

European aid workers were facing a showdown with Rwandan troops who have invaded their compound and threatened to car-

### Indian spree

India has entered 1996 poised for an unprecedented spending spree by its burgeoning credit card classes, clutching cellular telephones, driving foreign cars and drinking local whisky..... Page 13

# Scientists create the stuff of dreams

Scientists in Geneva have created antimatter, the stuff of science fiction and the fuel used to power the starship Enterprise. But don't book your seats for Alpha Centauri yet. The amount of antimatter created is barely enough to detect and it lasted for only the minutest fraction of a second. It is, nevertheless, a landmark



An aerial ballet from the Cirque Du Soleil which opens its Saltimbanco shows at the Royal Albert Hall, London, tomorrow

### BUSINESS

Forte battle: Granada plans to wait before launching what it calls a "shotgun" response to Forte's surprisingly robust defence to the £3.3 billion bid ... .....Page 23

Economy: British manufacturing activity last month recovered slightly from the minor contraction recorded in November but growth remained fragile and uneven, said The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply .... ....Page 23

Hidden costs: The full cost of buy-

ing a personal pension or low cost endowment-linked home loan can easily top £2,000 ..... .....Page 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 27.7 to 3715.6. Sterling's index fell from 83.5 to 83.4 after a fall from \$1.5570 to \$1.5510 and from DM2.2340 to

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■ ADMAN RETURNS

# E WATER TO THE STREET Sinister Seven: The new film thrill-

er, Seven, is about a serial killer who punishes those who indulge in the seven deadly sins. Also reviewed is the lavish French costume-drama, The Horseman on the Roof .....

Oxbridge movies: Are our oldest universities overcoming their antipathy to degrees in "film studies "?..

Meamerising Maifi: "Extraordinary, bordering on astonishing" is the vedict of Benedict Nightingale on Cheek by Jowl's powerful new staging of The Duchess of

Medicine man returns: Dr John, the maestro of Louisiana gumbo, is back in London to play a residency at Ronnie Scott's ...

# FEATURES

Learning to be hungry: Cherie Martin dieted and binged and put on five stone. She realised the secret of staying slim is to give up dieting.... Behaviour: Voltaire said madness was having erroneous perceptions. Dr Thomas Stuttaford says this

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What Democrats should focus on is the real danger that Bill Clinton could lose vote-rich California if liberal-activist Ralph Nader is a candidate - Wall Street Journal Voluntary action by the tobacco industry is preferable to regulation. But that opportunity has been blown. Kid smoking is getting worse. It will continue as long as tobacco companies are left to police —USA Today

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Britain's education system is producing unacceptably poorly-qualified people. This is a problem for \_\_\_\_Page 17 the whole country.....

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If BT wants less interference from Mr Cruickshank, it will have to accept more competitive pressure from its rivals ......Page 17

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The birth of the euro, whether it occurs under Capricorn or any oth-whole of Europe ..... Page 17

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### WILLIAM REES-MOGG The Liberal Democrats have be-

come Euro-fanatics in a sense that Labour members have not. Yet this pushes them further from the electorate, particularly from the relatively old-fashioned voters of the South West... ALAN COREN

We know that our new millionaires do not know what a million is, or what to do with it. They buy a suburban bungalow, a new Mondeo, a fortnight in Magaluf, and because that is all they have ever wanted, they do not know what to want after that. They have not been trained to spend ..... JOHN BRYANT

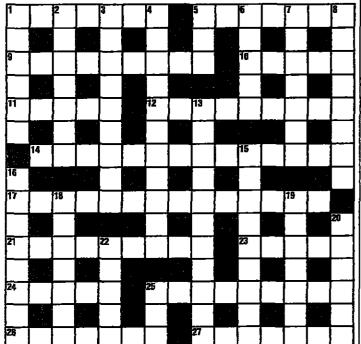
The sportsmen who bleat at their fixtures being hit by a snap of cold weather should spare a thought for those traditional British sports that rely on a decent freeze - for them the winter days are all too few and never cold enough ..... Page 42

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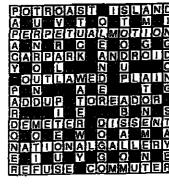


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- Multitude not well accommodated in Jerusalem (7).
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- 10 Meditative position that induces languor (5). 11 Part of New Testament contrarily
- included in Old, it's clear (5). 12 Devil mostly holding the stage

with mild character (9).

- 14 Totally secure? Not enough for little pigs (2.4.2.6). 17 Tried to reflect changes in bank's
- authority (6.2.6).
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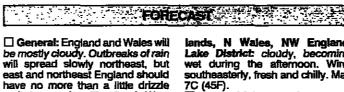
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- 7 Copper's arresting sailor who's raised weapon (7).
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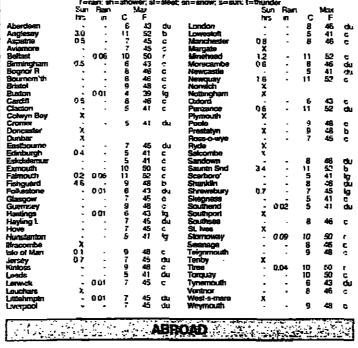
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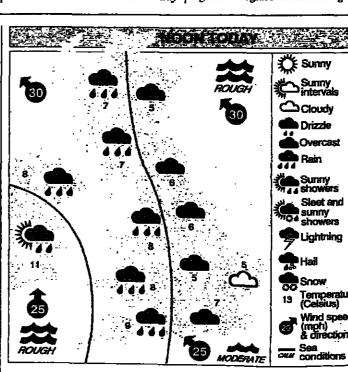
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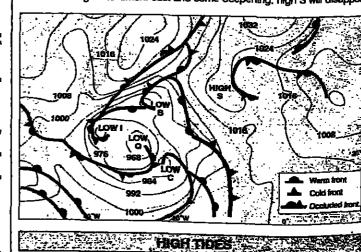
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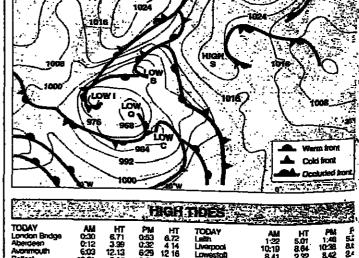
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